

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 312753

Details

Other names	HOMEFIELD SCHOOL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	00887719
Registered	1967-03-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the Trust (Objects) are the advancement of education including, but not exclusively by providing in the United Kingdom any boarding or day school or schools for the education of children of either or both sexes.

Activities: The school aims to provide high standards of learning and teaching for all, and to set high expectations within a caring atmosphere. It seeks to provide a thorough preparation for each pupil's next school and a secure foundation for each pupil's future life

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Surrey
- Sutton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£4,419,290	£4,338,998	£9,741,022	57
2024-08-31	£4,455,908	£4,670,482	£9,660,676	63
2023-08-31	£4,827,334	£4,429,448	£9,875,248	62
2022-08-31	£4,665,394	£4,150,360	£9,477,362	60
2021-08-31	£4,177,998	£3,829,173	£8,962,328	60

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amber Nicole Waite		2025-12-09
Cyprian Akojie		2019-06-27
DR HERVEY WILCOX MA, MSc, LL.M, MBA, MRCP, MRCPATH		
Daniel Joseph Stuart		2025-12-09
John Charles Loveland		2023-12-05
Margaret Gardiner Boiling		2017-09-01
Usha Ganesan		2025-07-01
Victoria Hayward		2025-02-04

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Accounts

Charity Registration No. 312753
Company Registration No. 00887719 (England and Wales)

**GOVERNORS' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC REPORT)
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR
HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governors

M Gardiner Boiling (Chair)
C Akojie
U Ganesan
G Gillan
V Hayward
J Loveland
E Rix
Dr H Wilcox

Key Management Personnel:

Head Mrs G Anderson
Assistant Head Lower School Miss O Nanasi
Assistant Head Pastoral Mr E Smith
Assistant Head Academic Miss C Smith
Secretary, Bursar Mr C King

Charity Number 312753

Company Number 00887719

Registered office & principal address

Homefield School
Western Road
Sutton
Surrey
SM1 2TE

Auditors

TC Group
The Courtyard
Shoreham Road
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West Sussex
BN44 3TN

Bankers

Lloyds Bank PLC
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HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED GOVERNORS' REPORT

The Governors are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025, which also comply with the Companies Act 2006 requirement for a Directors' Report and Strategic Report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited ('the School') was incorporated in 1966 and operates as Homefield Preparatory School. The School is a company limited by guarantee (company number 00887719), registered with the Charity Commission (charity number 312753) and is governed by its Articles of Association, last amended on 27th July 2021.

The school had a dormant subsidiary company, Homefield School Enterprises Limited, which was wound up during the year 24/25.

Recruitment, Induction and Training

Governors of the School are elected on the basis of nominations received by the Chair of Governors, to the Board's specifications concerning eligibility, personal competence, specialist skills and availability. Governors are elected at any meeting of the Board, subject to confirmation of their eligibility to act as a Director and Trustee and serve an initial term of office of four years.

New Governors are inducted into the workings of the Charity and the School. They are given copies of various documents including the AGBIS "Guidelines for Governors" manual, the Articles of Association, the latest audited accounts and the most recent School ISI inspection report. As part of their induction, they visit the school and are given orientation briefings by the Chair of Governors and/or other Governors, the Head and the Bursar and receive Safeguarding training.

New Governors complete mandatory "New Governor" training provided by AGBIS. All Governors are required to attend external training, courses and conferences designed to keep them informed and updated on current issues and regulations concerning education and governance.

Governors, Directors and Charity Trustees

The Governors of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited ("the School", "the Charity", "the Company" or "Homefield") are the School's charity trustees under charity law and the directors of the charitable company. The members of the Governing Body who served in office as Governors during the year and subsequently are detailed below:

Ms M Gardiner Boiling* MA (Cantab), Graduate LLB (Hons), DipABRSM	
Mr S Everest OBE	resigned 1st July 2025
Mr C Akojie^, BSc ACA	
Dr G Bamford, BSc (Hons), PhD, CPsychol, FPsychol, PGCE	resigned 18th March 2025
Mrs J Croke, BSc (Hons), ACMA	resigned 18th March 2025
Mrs U Ganesan, BComm, MBA, CPA	appointed 1st July 2025
Mrs G L Gillan, LLB (Hons), MA Child Studies	
Miss V Hayward, BA	appointed 4th February 2025
Mr J C Loveland, BA (Hons), ACA	

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Mrs E Rix, BA (Hons), PGCE
Dr H Wilcox, MA, MSc, LLM, MBA, MRCP, FRCPath

* *Chair of Governors*
^ *Deputy Chair of Governor*

Registered Office

Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE

Organisational Management

The members of the Governing Body, as the Charity's trustees, are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the School. Meetings of the full Governing Body are held at least once a term.

The day-to-day running of the School is delegated to the Head and Bursar, supported by other members of the Senior Management Team, who together are the key personnel. The Head and Bursar attend all meetings of the full Governing Body and committee meetings.

The Governors give of their time freely and the pay and remuneration of the Head and Bursar is set by the Governors and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting pay:

- nature of the role and responsibilities
- personal performance based on annual appraisals
- salaries in the region
- the sector average salary for comparable positions
- trends in pay

In recent years, flexible pay across both state and private sector has affected the ease of recruitment to certain roles. We offer appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance in a fair and responsible manner but remain sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit the best qualified and experienced staff and provide scope to reward them for excellence. The Governors have, however, given delegated authority to the Head to pay higher salaries for exceptional candidates where this is in the interest of the School.

The Key Management Personnel

Head:	Mrs G Anderson, BA (Hons), PGDip Ed	appointed 22nd April 2025
Interim Head:	Mr C Hammond, BA (Hons), PGCE,	
Bursar:	Mr C King, BMus (Hons), MBA, MCGI, LRSM	
Deputy Head:	Mrs L Crook, BEd, MA	resigned 7th January 2025
Asst. Head Academic:	Miss S Smith, BSc (Hons), MA Ed, PGCE	appointed 1st April 2025
Asst. Head Pastoral:	Mr E Smith, BA (Hons)	
Asst. Head Lower School:	Mrs E Field, BA (Hons)	resigned 31st August 2025
Asst. Head Lower School:	Miss O Nanasi, BA (Hons), PGCE	appointed 1st September 2025

Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc, 49 High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1DX
Auditors:	TC Group, The Courtyard, Shoreham Road, Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3TN
Solicitors:	Moore Barlow, The Oriel, Sydenham Road, Guildford, GU1 3SR
Insurance brokers:	Hayes Parsons, 1st Floor, One The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6DG

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Employment policy

The School is an equal opportunities employer.

Relationships

The School is a member of the IAPS, AGBIS, and ISBA for the promotion, maintenance and delivery of excellence in education to the age of 13. The School actively contributes to the local community in a number of different ways, as detailed below under Public Benefit.

OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Objects of the Company, in accordance with its Articles of Association and the Charity's governing document, allow for the education of boys up to the age of 13 years.

Strategic aim and intended effect

At Homefield, we aim to provide a safe and happy environment, with a real depth of specialist teaching, to enable academic success. We invest in an ambitious curriculum for all our pupils. This goes beyond English, Maths and the sciences. Quality and vitality inform the humanities, the arts and sport. This breadth and depth ensures a wider fulfilment of our boys' individual potential, in 'hand, head and heart'.

We seek to develop deeper study skills and aptitudes toward learning, such as research or collaboration, in order to inspire independent thinkers who work well with others and are eager for challenge. Wellbeing within our community sets us on this caring path.

We aspire to be a truly cosmopolitan school, with a rich diversity both, reflecting and supporting our place as a charity within the wider community of London. We aim for a generous education of knowledge and skill, but also ethical character so that our boys not only 'do well' but 'do good'. With roots in the nineteenth Century, our mission embraces the 21st where well-being and civic virtue are key to our school's character and success.

Objectives

The Board's main objective continues to be to educate all the School's pupils to achieve their maximum individual potential in all of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities offered throughout the School. Our strategy for achieving this was, and is, to maintain a commitment to the delivery of best practice, exemplified by a strong teacher-to-pupil ratio and by seeking to meet the individual needs of all pupils.

Activities

The Charity's principal activity continues to be the provision of a preparatory day school education to pupils ranging from 3 to 13 years of age. As of September 2026 however, Homefield will be an 11+ school, educating pupils to 11 years of age.

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Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning activities the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on charitable purpose and public benefit, and in particular to its supplementary guidance on the advancement of education. Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited is a charitable trust which seeks to benefit the public through the pursuit of its objects, aims and objectives. Fees are set at a level to ensure the financial viability of the School and at a level that is consistent with the achievement of its aims and objectives. The School's charitable objects are "to provide education", such objects are recognised as benefitting the public when pursued in the context of formal education in a body where all surplus funds are re-invested. The School is a charitable body with no external shareholders and no possibility of making distributions whether in the form of dividends or otherwise. All surpluses are re-invested in education.

The awarding of bursaries for those who could not otherwise afford independent education is a measurable means of providing public benefit. The Governing Body takes the view that bursaries awarded to those who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees are important, but not to the exclusion of the much wider benefit that the School provides within the community. Those pupils who attend our school and who receive financial support contribute to the School community in a variety of ways, and so the benefit is not purely to those pupils but to the whole School. The total for bursaries and discounts in the year to 31 August 2025 were £49,538 (2024: £52,285).

In addition to the charitable activities of the children, the school makes available our sports facilities, either free of charge or at a nominal rate, to local sports clubs in the evenings and weekends when not in use by the pupils at the school and in keeping with planning restrictions imposed by the local authority. We facilitate local charities' use of our minibuses for holiday clubs and day trips.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Board is pleased to report the achievement of its pupils in attaining their highest potential as measured by value added criteria; examination results and their successful graduation to their preferred senior school.

2024-2025 was another very successful year with 24 grammar school places awarded to Year 6 boys (cohort of 46), including 26% receiving offers from Wilson's, which is one of the top ranking grammar schools. An exceptionally high number of offers given by the top independent schools, including 14 places at Trinity, 11 at Whitgift, and 11 at Caterham. The Year 8 boys moved onto independent senior schools including St Paul's, King's College Wimbledon, and Westminster.

The CATS (the Cognitive Abilities Test) diagnostic assessment is designed to help boys and teachers understand how they learn and what their academic potential might be. The results for 2025 are below:

Year 6 (10-11 yrs) 46 pupils	100% at or above the national average 85% highly above the national average 52% exceptionally above the national average
Year 8 (12-13 yrs) 19 pupils	84% at or above the national average 63% highly above the national average 28% exceptionally above the national average

Year 8 pupils had excellent results at Common Entrance with 100% grade A*-C in English, 95% grade A*-C in English, Maths and Science combined, and 74* achieved A*-A in Maths. In all, 26 scholarships were awarded by highly respected senior schools, with 17 of these being academic scholarships.

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English

The English Department are proud to offer a rich range of opportunities that help our pupils grow as confident, thoughtful communicators. Last year, our Year 5 boys took part in the Debating Competition hosted by Epsom College; a fantastic chance to develop public speaking, teamwork, and critical thinking. Our Year 6 boys also impressed the school community by delivering a powerful assembly speech on women's rights, written entirely by them. Year 4 enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Globe Theatre to launch their Shakespeare unit, bringing literature to life in an authentic setting. Our Year 3 pupils delighted parents with expressive performances of Christmas poems, showcasing their developing fluency and creativity.

We were also thrilled to welcome guest author Margaret Bateson, who worked with Years 5–8, sparking imagination and offering valuable insight into the writing process.

Maths

Homefield boys continue to inspire with achievement in mathematics. In the spring term, our Year 5 boys were crowned Wizarding Champions at the Hampton School Maths Wizard Challenge, proudly bringing home Gold status. Two of our talented Year 6 pupils qualified for the prestigious UKMT Junior Olympiad in May - a fantastic achievement that showcases their problem-solving brilliance.

Homefield earned the highest number of Gold and Silver certificates ever in the Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Mathematical Challenges. Our Year 6 boys shone in the Maths Quiz Club, competing in the national finals at Oxford University in July.

Music and Drama

Music and Drama have remained central to our commitment to nurturing creativity, confidence, and a love for the performing arts. Specialised teaching in music begins from Nursery, with Nursery and Reception boys enjoying three weekly sessions and Years 1 to 8 participating in two lessons per week. Around 70% of boys take private instrument lessons this year. Drama is introduced from Year 1, with weekly lessons continuing into the Upper School, led by our Head of English and Drama.

Performance opportunities abound, with 16 weekly ensembles, including choirs, ensembles and orchestras. Annual events such as the Christmas Concert, Peri Prom concerts, the Year 6 Musical, and the Lower School Christmas Show are key highlights, alongside ensemble performances at Prize Giving. Whole-year group singing remains a distinctive feature, culminating in school-wide performances at assemblies and two major concerts each year.

In 2025, our boys' talents have been recognised with five music and drama scholarships to leading schools, including Trinity School.

Science and STEAM

Science at Homefield has been a key focus. Specialist teaching begins in Year 3 with Years 3 to 5 receiving three lessons of science each week, Year 6 enjoy four, and Years 7 and 8 benefit from five lessons weekly. Our state-of-the-art laboratories, equipped to secondary school standards, have enabled boys to undertake advanced experimental work and our generous lesson allocations allow sufficient time for detailed analysis.

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Exciting opportunities this year to enhance the science curriculum included a Year 6 trip to London Zoo, where boys studied animal adaptations and conservation, and a Year 7 ecology fieldwork trip where boys could investigate biodiversity. Workshops, such as Falconry, enriched the boys' experience as they could see how animals are adapted to particular environments. Lower school had the opportunity to complement their work on life cycles as they hatched eggs.

Our commitment to excellence was reflected in the success of our National Science Quiz Club teams, with Year 5 and Year 6 boys once again reaching the national finals and achieving 3rd place nationally.

STEAM has been at the forefront of our efforts to prepare boys for a rapidly changing world. Through a dedicated 40-minute weekly lesson, projects like building rocket-powered vehicles have fostered hands-on learning, collaboration, and innovative problem-solving. Whole school STEAM days have allowed project based, hands-on learning, allowing boys to make, evaluate and refine their project. Coding has been a particular focus, with younger boys introduced to Marty the Robot and Lego codable software, laying the groundwork for future technological fluency. Application to real life situations is important, and the trip to the London Transport Museum where Year 3 boys participated in a coding the capital workshop, provided opportunities for the boys to interview engineers and consider how technology has changed over time.

We've also strengthened partnerships with engineering initiatives. Boys in Year 2 and Year 6 participated in a programme with Primary Engineer and Network Rail, working alongside professional engineers to explore rail safety. In Years 3 and 4, boys excelled in the Leaders Award Scheme, identifying real-world problems, and proposing engineering solutions, while interviewing real engineers. One entry being selected as a winning entry with a number being highly commended in terms of their innovative ideas.

Sport

At Homefield, we continue to believe that sports education extends far beyond the pursuit of trophies. Our "sports for all", value-added philosophy remains at the heart of our provision, focusing on the holistic development of every boy. This year, our comprehensive fitness programme has continued to flourish, offering tailored pathways for all abilities and encouraging boys to set personal targets and monitor their progress. This initiative has not only strengthened overall physical fitness but has also played a significant role in promoting confidence, resilience, and positive mental health.

Inclusivity remains central to our work. The breadth of our sporting offer ensures that every pupil can find a discipline that inspires them. From core team sports such as football, rugby, hockey, and cricket, to individual pursuits including swimming for every year group (yr1-8) tennis, gymnastics, dance, and athletics, we strive to provide meaningful opportunities for participation, skill development, and enjoyment.

Across Years 3 to 8, the boys represented the school in over 120 competitive fixtures spanning football, rugby, hockey, and cricket. The cross-country team performed admirably at the Regional Cross Country Competition held at Epsom College, and our swimmers took part in two gala events at Sutton High School. We also successfully hosted two full-school sports days, which were well attended and showcased the positive atmosphere and community spirit within the school.

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Lower school

The governors are delighted that the Nursery reopened in September 2024, with a good intake of boys. There is a focus on holistic development of the whole child, with the curriculum encompassing cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.

We believe that play is the cornerstone of early childhood education. Our curriculum emphasises hands-on, experiential learning through play-based activities that stimulate curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking skills. In addition to play-based learning, lower school pupils, including the Nursery, receive specialist teaching in music, art, drama, languages and PE.

ISI Inspection

The School was visited by the Independent Schools Inspectorate for a planned Progress Monitoring Inspection in March 2025, and the School was delighted that all of the regulatory standards that were checked were met. They noted that safeguarding leaders are well trained for their roles, and that Governors actively promote the wellbeing and safety of pupils at the school.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The Charity's net incoming resources were £80,346 (2024: net outgoing resources £214,574).

Reserves level and policy

The Board has established a general reserve policy to afford some protection to the School and its charitable programme and to provide time to adjust to changing financial circumstances. In the light of challenges in the independent sector, the governors are reviewing the reserves policy for the 25/26 accounts.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Governors have an established procedure to review key risks on an ongoing basis.

The economic environment has not been helpful to independent schools over the past several years and many have closed as a result, with those outside the South East bearing the brunt. We have been secure at Homefield throughout this period but we have also been financially prudent. Even during this tricky economic climate, we have continued to invest further in the School, and we will continue to improve and enhance the School's facilities as our finances allow. Homefield has a strategic plan in place to grow in numbers, however, we never lose sight of the fact that within our resources, we must provide the best possible education and learning environment for our pupils.

The Government's short-notice introduction of VAT on school fees has had a significant impact on all independent schools throughout the country, including Homefield. Allied with the removal of mandatory business rate relief, the increase in employers' National Insurance and the increase in the National Living Wage, this has required the Governing Body and leadership to consider the staffing structure of the school closely, to give a balanced budget and a quality, affordable service for parents.

The risk management process identifies risks, assesses their impact and likelihood, and where necessary, recommends controls to mitigate and monitor those risks assessed as high. The generic controls used to minimise risk include:

- A full high level risk register reviewed by the Head, Bursar and Governing Body;
- Detailed terms of reference together with formal agendas for Governing Body meetings;

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- Strategic development planning;
- Comprehensive budgeting and management accounting;
- Established organisational structures and line of reporting;
- Formal written policies and approval levels; and
- Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable.

FUTURE PLANS

The recruitment and retention of pupils is of paramount importance, given the economic climate in the UK. There is an increased focus on effective Marketing and Admissions, embracing the use of social media to reach potential Homefield families.

The School reopened its Nursery in September 2024 and has had two successful intakes of pupils, the first already graduating into the Reception classes. There remains an appetite for nursery places in the surrounding area, and the Governors are considering how Homefield is best placed to assist.

Following the excellent interim leadership of Mr Hammond, the Governors are delighted that Mrs Anderson took up the permanent Headship of the school in April 2025, which has already proven to be a great success.

Given the rapid pace of change in the independent education sector during 2024 and 2025, the Governors are actively considering the future structure of Homefield, against of backdrop of school group consolidation.

The Board continues to plan for the future through a programme of development and investment to:

- provide a stimulating learning environment in which pupils can develop their academic potential to the full;
- ensure the teaching facilities for our pupils are of a high quality;
- provide a happy and secure pastoral environment, in which all pupils are offered opportunities for leadership and service to others;
- offer all pupils the opportunities of experiencing a broad range of intellectual, cultural, sporting and wider-community influences;
- increase the capability of the School to offer education to children whose parents are unable to afford full fees, particularly Children Looked After;
- support members of staff, particularly middle managers, with opportunities to develop of their skills and careers;
- ensure that the School plays a significant part in the life of the local community, sharing facilities and seeking local partnerships wherever possible.

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governors (who are also the directors of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' Annual Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Governors 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Governors 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 of fraud and other irregularities.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the Governors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware that is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify any such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

This report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Governors, as Directors of the charitable company, on 09 Dec 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


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Ms M Gardiner Bolling
Chair of Governors

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement and notes to the financial statements. 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 2025 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 of 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 charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our 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 governor's 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 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 governors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the governors' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the governors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the governors' 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 governors' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require; or

Responsibilities of the governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement, the governors (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 governors 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 governors 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 governors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

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Auditor's 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 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. 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

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and its management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general sector experience, and through discussion with the Governors' and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the Governors' and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations (see below);
- We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety; General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); fraud; bribery and corruption, school inspections, keeping children safe in education (statutory guidance), DBS checks and employment law. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. The identified actual or suspected non-compliance was not sufficiently significant to our audit to result in our response being identified as a key audit matter.
- We considered the legal and regulatory frameworks directly applicable to the financial statements reporting framework (FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK.
- We considered the nature of the charitable company's operations, the control environment and financial performance.
- We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We considered the procedures and controls that the charitable company have established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those procedures and controls.

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Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included: testing manual journals; reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation; performing analytical procedures; and enquiring of management, and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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 the no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

TC Group

Mark Cummins FCCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of TC Group
Statutory Auditors
Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: *20 February 2016*

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations	5	1,023	-	1,023	4,980
Other trading activities	6	54		54	107
Investments	7	9,186	-	9,186	21,145
Charitable activities	8	4,347,181	-	4,347,181	4,401,954
Other income	9	61,900	-	61,900	27,722
Total income		4,419,344	-	4,419,344	4,455,908
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds		840	-	840	1,423
Charitable activities		4,335,929	2,229	4,338,158	4,669,059
Total expenditure	10	4,336,769	2,229	4,338,998	4,670,482
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		82,575	(2,229)	80,346	(214,574)
Fund balances brought forward		9,657,230	3,446	9,660,676	9,875,250
Fund balances carried forward	21	9,739,805	1,217	9,741,022	9,660,676

All income and gains for the year are recognised above. All the school's activities are classified as continuing.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reported on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 19 to 30 form part of these financial statements

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET

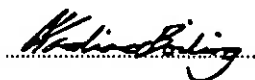
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		9,632,119		9,821,541
Investments	18		-		2
			<u>9,632,119</u>		<u>9,821,543</u>
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	14	234,568		70,380	
Current asset investments	13	500,000		500,000	
Cash at bank and in hand			924,733		1,251,353
			<u>1,659,301</u>		<u>1,821,733</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(594,819)		(949,472)	
Net current assets			<u>1,064,482</u>		<u>872,261</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16		(955,579)		(1,033,128)
Net assets			<u>9,741,022</u>		<u>9,660,676</u>
Represented by:					
Restricted funds	22		1,217		3,446
Unrestricted funds:					
General school funds	21		9,739,805		9,657,230
			<u>9,741,022</u>		<u>9,660,676</u>

Company Number: 00887719

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions relating to medium-sized companies.

The accounts were approved by the Board of Governors and signed on their behalf by:



Ms M Gardiner Boiling
Governor

Date: 09 Dec 2025

The notes on pages 19 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

		2025		2024	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		80,346		(214,574)	
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation charges	12	318,720		337,450	
Interest receivable	7	(9,186)		(21,145)	
Interest payable		30,047		31,398	
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	14	(164,188)		3,092	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	15	(359,729)		47,772	
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities			(103,990)		183,993
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Interest receivable	7	9,186		21,145	
Interest payable		(30,047)		(31,398)	
Purchases of tangible fixed assets	12	(129,298)		(72,689)	
(Purchase)/Disposal of current asset investments	13	2		(200,000)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities			(150,157)		(282,942)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Loan repayments	17	(72,473)		(68,548)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities			(72,473)		(68,548)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in year			(326,620)		(167,497)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			1,251,353		1,418,850
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year			924,733		1,251,353
Analysis of changes in net debt					
		Brought forward	Cash flows	Carried forward	
		£	£	£	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,251,353	(326,620)	924,733	
Current asset investments		500,000	-	500,000	
Bank loans		(1,105,601)	72,473	(1,033,128)	
		645,752	(254,147)	391,605	

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1. Statutory information

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited is a private charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The charitable company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the legal and administrative information page.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy. The financial statements are prepared in Sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

After reviewing the charitable company's forecasts and projections, the Governors have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

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

In the opinion of the Governors, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation certainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

2.2 Income

Fees receivable and charges for services, less any allowances, scholarships and bursaries granted by the school against those fees are accounted for in the period in which the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probably that income will be received.

School fees are accounted for on a receivable basis. Fees for a future service period are included in deferred income, including those fees received under an advance fee payment scheme.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

Donations, legacies, grants and other voluntary income are accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably measured, and the economic benefit is considered probable. Where a donor or an appeal has imposed restrictions, the income is credited to a restricted fund.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with irrecoverable VAT included with the item to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charitable company, and the related support costs, which comprise all the expenditure on the management and the administration of the charitable company, including an appropriate portion of the Head's and Bursar's time.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories and departments on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

School buildings	2 – 20% straight line (from the date brought into use)
Furniture & equipment	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

At each reporting date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible fixed assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. Any such loss would be recognised immediately as expenditure in that year.

No depreciation has been provided on land.

2.5 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are recognised at cost on the balance sheet. Other fixed asset investments are stated at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Operating lease commitments

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all benefits and the risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the lease.

2.7 Pensions

The charitable company makes pension contributions for teaching staff through the scheme operated by the Teachers' Pension Agency. Contributions are made to personal pension plans for their staff at the discretion of the Board. Both schemes are regulated by the Pensions regulator. All costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2.8 Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all benefits and the risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the lease.

2.9 Employee benefits

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

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

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash in hand, short term highly liquid investments with original maturity dates of the months or less, and bank overdrafts. The Governors seek to use short- and medium-term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.11 Debtors

Fees and extras receivable and accrued income are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.12 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charitable company has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

2.13 Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments which are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2.15 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the governors.

Restricted funds are those funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes in accordance with the wishes of the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2.16 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The Governors do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

3. Turnover

The turnover of the charity is wholly attributable to the objects of the charity as stated in the Governors' Report and is earned entirely within the UK.

This is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating lease payments	18,164	31,049
Depreciation	318,720	337,450
Auditors' remuneration - audit services (see note 10)	12,000	14,474

4. Taxation

The charitable company is registered as a charity and all of its income falls within the exemptions under Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

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5. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations	1,023	-	1,023	4,980

6. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
School shop	54	-	54	107

7. Income from investments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable	9,186	-	9,186	21,145

8. Income from charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross school fees	4,254,545	4,374,257
Less discounts	(49,538)	(52,285)
Net school fees	4,205,007	4,321,972
Registration & assessment fees	7,597	9,450
School bus service and minibus hire	55,347	70,357
Lunches	75,980	-
Other income	3,250	175
	4,347,181	4,401,954

9. Other income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Hall facilities/hiring revenue	42,125	-	42,125	24,296
Sundry income	19,775	-	19,775	3,426
	61,900	-	61,900	27,722

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10. Analysis of expenditure

	School operating costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Costs of raising funds				
School uniform shop	840	-	840	1,423
Total costs of raising funds	840	-	840	1,423
Charitable activities				
Administration and general	611,655	34,282	645,937	667,963
Educational	2,420,589	15,388	2,435,977	2,861,416
Establishment	534,351	4,224	538,575	433,094
Housekeeping	398,424	525	398,949	369,136
Depreciation	318,720	-	318,720	337,450
Total charitable expenditure	4,283,739	54,419	4,338,158	4,669,059
Total expenditure	4,284,579	54,419	4,338,998	4,670,482

Analysis of governance costs:	2025 £	2024 £
Governance costs:		
Auditors remuneration for audit services	12,000	14,474
Accountancy and payroll costs	22,281	11,769
Governors' expenses	31	652
Other governance costs	20,107	19,229
Total governance costs	54,419	46,124

11. Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs for the year were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	2,162,676	2,429,045
Social security costs	261,081	240,477
Pension costs	416,736	412,529
	2,840,493	3,082,051

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Teaching	42	46
Estates	8	9
Administration	7	8
	57	63

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11. Staff costs (continued)

None of the governors received any remuneration or other benefits from the school or any connected body (2024: none).

One Governor (2024: Four) received reimbursed expenses in the year of £31 (2024: £652) for travelling expenses and DBS checks during the year.

Included within staff costs are redundancy and ex-gratia payments of £24,813 (2024: £141,584).

Staff with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum in the following bands are:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
£60,000 - £69,999	1	1
£70,000 - £79,999	1	1
£80,000 - £89,999	1	-
£120,000 - £129,999	-	1

Of the employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000, none (2024: none) has benefits accruing under a defined benefit scheme outside of the Teachers' Pension Scheme. The entity was enrolled in the Teachers' Pension Scheme until September 2024 and total amounts payable have been disclosed within note 20.

The key management personnel of the school are detailed in the Governors' Report and Legal and Administrative Information. In 2024: 7 staff (2024: 7 staff).

	2025	2024
	£	£
Aggregate employee benefits of key management personnel (Including employer national insurance and pension contributions)	540,515	696,689

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12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Furniture & Equipment	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2024	11,625,816	697,137	19,554	624,388	12,966,895
Additions	28,372	3,435	50,104	47,387	129,298
At 31 August 2025	11,654,188	700,572	69,658	671,775	13,096,193
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2024	1,928,714	633,374	19,554	563,712	3,145,354
Charge for the year	231,573	39,255	6,680	41,212	318,720
At 31 August 2025	2,160,287	672,629	26,234	604,924	3,464,074
Net book value					
At 31 August 2025	9,493,901	27,943	43,424	66,851	9,632,119
At 31 August 2024	9,697,102	63,763	-	60,676	9,821,541

Included within freehold land and buildings is £66,000 of land that is not depreciated.

A loan facility was granted on 3 August 2020 and is secured by a fixed charge over the school's freehold land and buildings. The carrying value of the assets charges was £9,493,901 at the balance sheet date. The loan facility was made available in an aggregate amount of £2,500,000. Two further tranches of £625,000 each (at 2.70% fixed for 5 years and 2.76% fixed for 10 years) and an additional tranche of £1,250,000 (at 2.77% fixed for 15 years) were drawn down in August 2022. Interest reverts to a floating rate after the fixed interest rate periods. All amounts are repayable within 15 years from 1 August 2022. The £1,250,000 loan tranche was repaid in March 2023.

The board considers that the current value of the freehold property is likely to be materially higher than the carrying value as shown in the financial statements. However, without the benefit of a professional valuation the Board is not in a position to quantify the difference. The Board considers that the cost involved in obtaining a professional valuation out of charitable funds would not be of sufficient benefit to the school to warrant the expense.

13. Current asset investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Long term deposits	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

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14. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fee debtors	10,589	4,533
Prepayments and accrued income	148,747	64,468
Other debtors	75,232	1,379
	<u>234,568</u>	<u>70,380</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loan (secured – see note 17)	77,549	72,473
Trade creditors	85,773	116,624
Accruals and deferred income	25,398	21,325
Other creditors	8,910	45,642
Fees in advance	240,416	481,501
Deposits	156,773	170,657
Other taxes and social security	-	41,250
	<u>594,819</u>	<u>949,472</u>

Fees in advance represent fees received for Autumn term 2025.

16. Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank loan (secured – see note 17)	<u>955,579</u>	<u>1,033,128</u>

17. Analysis of secured debts

The bank loan is wholly repayable in instalments as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
In less than one year	77,549	72,473
In more than one year but less than five years	638,283	674,527
In more than five years	317,296	358,601
	<u>1,033,128</u>	<u>1,105,601</u>

Details of the bank loan are disclosed in note 12.

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18. Fixed asset investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investments in subsidiaries	-	2

The School's wholly owned subsidiary, Homefield School Enterprises Limited, was dissolved on 23 September 2025. The investment was impaired at the year end.

19. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2025 the company had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases which are payable as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	13,557	15,197
Between one and five years	5,038	18,595
	<u>18,595</u>	<u>33,792</u>

Operating lease expenses incurred during the year are as follows:

Motor expenses	£13,298
Printing and stationary	£4,866

20. Pension commitments

The School participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff until September 2024 when it withdrew from the scheme. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £31,090 (2024: £350,118) and at the year-end £nil (2024 - £42,823) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2020 and the Valuation Report was published in October 2023. The Valuation Report shows notional assets of £222.2bn and liabilities of £262bn, resulting in a scheme deficit of £39.8bn.

The employer contribution rate for the TPS is 28.6%, and employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 28.68%.

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20. Pension commitments (continued)

The school makes contributions to a defined contribution scheme. The assets of these are held separately to those of the school in independently administered funds. Contributions payable during the year were £385,646 (2024: £62,411) and at the year-end £nil (2024: £3,814) was accrued in respect of contributions due to the scheme.

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	9,632,119	-	9,632,119
Fixed asset investments	-	-	-
Current assets	1,658,084	1,217	1,659,301
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(594,819)	-	(594,819)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(955,579)	-	(955,579)
	9,739,805	1,217	9,741,022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£
Comparative Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	9,821,541	-	9,821,541
Fixed asset investments	2	-	2
Current assets	1,818,287	3,446	1,821,733
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(949,472)	-	(949,472)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(1,033,128)	-	(1,033,128)
	9,657,230	3,446	9,660,676

22. Restricted funds

	Balance as at 1 September 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers to unrestricted reserves	Balance as at 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Green travel	1,217	-	-	-	1,217
EYPS award	2,229	-	(2,229)	-	-
	3,446	-	(2,229)	-	1,217

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23. Share capital and control

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. In the event of a winding up, each member guarantees to contribute an amount of no more than £1.

24. Governors' indemnity insurance

As part of its overall insurance policy, the charitable company purchased Governors' liability insurance providing cover up to £2,000,000 in respect of claims arising from negligence, error or omission committed in good faith.

25. Related party transactions

No Governors had children who attended the school during the current year (2024: None).

During the year the school paid third parties £17 for training of the Governors (2024: £721).

One member of key management personnel had children who attended the school during the year (2024: two). Fees payable and any discounts were charged and awarded on the same basis as for other parents and staff.

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Accounts

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Company Registration No. 00887719 (England and Wales)

**GOVERNORS' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC REPORT)
AND CONSOLIDATED GROUP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR
HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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GOVERNORS' REPORT

The Governors are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024, which also comply with the Companies Act 2006 requirement for a Directors' Report and Strategic Report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited ('the School') was incorporated in 1966 and operates as Homefield Preparatory School. The School is a company limited by guarantee (company number 00887719), registered with the Charity Commission (charity number 312753) and is governed by its Articles of Association, last amended on 27th July 2021.

The school has a dormant subsidiary company, Homefield School Enterprises Limited, which will be wound up during the year 24/25.

Recruitment, Induction and Training

Governors of the School are elected on the basis of nominations received by the Chair of Governors, to the Board's specifications concerning eligibility, personal competence, specialist skills and availability. Governors are elected at any meeting of the Board, subject to confirmation of their eligibility to act as a Director and Trustee and serve an initial term of office of four years.

New Governors are inducted into the workings of the Charity and the School. They are given copies of various documents including the AGBIS "Guidelines for Governors" manual, the Articles of Association, the latest audited accounts and the most recent School ISI inspection report. As part of their induction, they visit the school and are given orientation briefings by the Chair of Governors and/or other Governors, the Head and the Bursar and receive Safeguarding training.

New Governors complete mandatory "New Governor" training provided by AGBIS. All Governors are required to attend external training, courses and conferences designed to keep them informed and updated on current issues and regulations concerning education and governance.

Governors, Directors and Charity Trustees

The Governors of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited ("the School", "the Charity", "the Company" or "Homefield") are the School's charity trustees under charity law and the directors of the charitable company. The members of the Governing Body who served in office as Governors during the year and subsequently are detailed below:

Ms M Gardiner Boiling* MA (Cantab), Graduate LLB (Hons), DipABRSM

Mr S Everest^ OBE

Mr A Ahmed, BSc (Hons)

resigned 16th February 2024

Mr C Akojie, BSc ACA

Dr G Bamford, BSc (Hons), PhD, CPsychol, FPsychol, PGCE

Mrs J Crooke, BSc (Hons), ACMA

Mrs G L Gillan, LLB (Hons), MA Child Studies

Mr J C Loveland, BA (Hons), ACA

appointed 7th December 2023

Mrs E Rix, BA (Hons), PGCE

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Dr H Wilcox, MA, MSc, LL.M, MBA, MRCP, FRCPath

* *Chair of Governors*

^ *Deputy Chair of Governor*

Registered Office

Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE

Organisational Management

The members of the Governing Body, as the Charity's trustees, are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the School. Meetings of the full Governing Body are held at least once a term.

The day-to-day running of the School is delegated to the Head and Bursar, supported by other members of the Senior Management Team, who together are the key personnel. The Head and Bursar attend all meetings of the full Governing Body and committee meetings.

The Governors give of their time freely and the pay and remuneration of the Headmaster and senior staff is set by the Governors and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting pay:

- nature of the role and responsibilities
- personal performance based on annual appraisals
- salaries in the region
- the sector average salary for comparable positions
- trends in pay

In recent years, flexible pay across both state and private sector has affected the ease of recruitment to certain roles. We offer appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance in a fair and responsible manner but remain sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit the best qualified and experienced staff and provide scope to reward them for excellence. The Governors have, however, given delegated authority to the Headmaster to pay higher salaries for exceptional candidates where this is in the interest of the School.

The Key Management Personnel

Head:	Mr A S Naismith, BEd. (Hons) Mr C Hammond, BA (Hons), PGCE, QTS	resigned 31 st August 2024 appointed 1 st September 2024
Head elect:	Mrs G Anderson, BA (Hons), PGDip Ed	effective 22 nd April 2025
Bursar:	Ms N Nwaejike, BAcc (Hons), FCA, Ass(CIPD) Ms A F Owens Mr C J King, BMus (Hons), MBA, MCGI, LRSM	resigned 1 st February 2024 appointed 2 nd February 2024 resigned 30 th April 2024 appointed 1 st May 2024
Deputy Head:	Mr Z Siva, BSc (Hons), PGCE Mrs L Crook, BEd, MA	resigned 4 th March 2024 appointed 5 th March 2024
Asst. Head		
Pastoral:	Mr E Smith BA (Hons), QT	

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Asst. Head

Lower School: Mrs E Field, BA (Hons) QTS

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, 49 High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1DX

Auditors: TC Group, The Courtyard, Shoreham Road, Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3TN

Employment policy

The School is an equal opportunities employer.

Relationships

The School is a member of the IAPS, AGBIS, and ISBA for the promotion, maintenance and delivery of excellence in education to the age of 13. The School actively contributes to the local community in a number of different ways, as detailed below under Public Benefit.

OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The Objects of the Company, in accordance with its Articles of Association and the Charity's governing document, allow for the education of boys up to the age of 13 years.

Strategic aim and intended effect

At Homefield, we aim to provide a safe and happy environment, with a real depth of specialist teaching, to enable academic success. We invest in an ambitious curriculum for all our boys. This goes beyond English, Maths and the sciences. Quality and vitality inform the humanities, the arts and sport. This breadth and depth ensures a wider fulfilment of our boys' individual potential, in 'hand, head and heart'.

We seek to develop deeper study skills and aptitudes toward learning, such as research or collaboration, in order to inspire independent thinkers who work well with others and are eager for challenge. Wellbeing within our community sets us on this caring path.

We aspire to be a truly cosmopolitan school, with a rich diversity both, reflecting and supporting our place as a charity within the wider community of London. We aim for a generous education of knowledge and skill, but also ethical character so that our boys not only 'do well' but 'do good'. With roots in the nineteenth Century, our mission embraces the 21st where well-being and civic virtue are key to our school's character and success.

Objectives

The Board's main objective continue to be to educate all the School's pupils to achieve their maximum individual potential in all of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities offered throughout the School. Our strategy for achieving this was, and is, to maintain a commitment to the delivery of best practice, exemplified by a strong teacher-to-pupil ratio and by seeking to meet the individual needs of all pupils.

Activities

The Charity's principal activity continues to be the provision of a preparatory day school education to pupils ranging from 3 to 13 years of age.

Public Benefit

In setting objectives and planning activities the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on charitable purpose and public benefit, and in particular to

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its supplementary guidance on the advancement of education. Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited is a charitable trust which seeks to benefit the public through the pursuit of its objects, aims and objectives. Fees are set at a level to ensure the financial viability of the School and at a level that is consistent with the achievement of its aims and objectives. The School's charitable objects are "to provide education", such objects are recognised as benefitting the public when pursued in the context of formal education in a body where all surplus funds are re-invested. The School is a charitable body with no external shareholders and no possibility of making distributions whether in the form of dividends or otherwise. All surpluses are re-invested in education.

The awarding of bursaries for those who could not otherwise afford independent education is a measurable means of providing public benefit. The Governing Body takes the view that bursaries awarded to those who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees are important, but not to the exclusion of the much wider benefit that the School provides within the community. Those pupils who attend our school and who receive financial support contribute to the School community in a variety of ways, and so the benefit is not purely to those pupils but to the whole School. The total for bursaries, discounts and awards in the year to 31 August 2024 were £91,250 (2023: £82,565).

In addition to the charitable activities of the children, the school makes available our sports facilities, either free of charge or at a nominal rate, to local sports clubs in the evenings and weekends when not in use by the pupils at the school and in keeping with planning restrictions imposed by the local authority. We facilitate local charities' use of our minibuses for holiday clubs and day trips.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Board is pleased to report the achievement of its pupils in attaining their highest potential as measured by value added criteria; examination results and their successful graduation to their preferred senior school.

As with previous years, the 2023-2024 academic year was an extremely successful one, with a high proportion of boys gaining grammar school offers (48%) and entry into highly selective independent senior schools such as Eton and Kings College. 23% of our boys were awarded a place at Wilson's School, one of the top Grammar schools in the country.

The CATs scores for the boys in Year 6 showed that 100% of boys were at or above the national standards, with 90% of year 8 boys reaching the same standard. Over 30% of both cohorts attained a result exceptionally above the national standard.

Year 8 pupils had a 100% pass rate at Common Entrance and obtained places for their chosen senior schools. 100% of our boys attained an A-A* in English at Common Entrance, 91% gained grade A* to B in English, Maths and Science combined. In all, 39 Scholarship awards were offered to Year 6 and Year 8 pupils by highly respected senior schools, an increase from 28 the previous year, and 19 the year preceding that.

Music and Drama

Music and Drama have remained central to our commitment to nurturing creativity, confidence, and a love for the performing arts. Specialised teaching in music begins from Nursery, with Nursery and Reception boys enjoying three weekly sessions and Years 1 to 8 participating in two lessons per week. Around 70% of boys took private instrument lessons this year. Drama is introduced from Year 1, with weekly lessons continuing into the Upper School, led by our Head of English and Drama. Love Theatre Arts also offers one-to-one acting tuition, enabling boys to work towards Trinity grades.

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Performance opportunities abound, with 16 weekly ensembles, including choirs, ensembles and orchestras. Annual events such as the Christmas Concert, Peri Prom concerts, the Year 6 Musical, and the Lower School Christmas Show are key highlights, alongside ensemble performances at Prize Giving. Whole-year group singing remains a distinctive feature, culminating in school-wide performances at assemblies and two major concerts each year. Collaborations with schools such as Epsom College and Kings College Wimbledon, alongside trips to venues like The Globe Theatre, have enriched the boys' experiences.

In 2024, our boys' talents have been recognised with **12 music and drama scholarships** to leading schools, including Trinity School, and Whitgift School.

Science and STEAM

Science at Homefield has been a key focus. Specialist teaching begins in Year 3. Lesson time has been expanded, with Years 3 to 5 receiving 120 minutes of science each week, Year 6 enjoying 160 minutes, and Years 7 and 8 benefiting from 200 minutes weekly. Our state-of-the-art laboratories, equipped to secondary school standards, have enabled boys to undertake advanced experimental work.

To enrich the curriculum, we introduced termly Science Days for Years 7 and 8, allowing in-depth exploration of key topics. Exciting opportunities this year included a Year 6 trip to London Zoo, where boys studied animal adaptations and conservation, and a Year 7 ecology fieldwork trip. Workshops, such as the Bloodhound Rocket Car project and planetarium sessions, further broadened their horizons.

Our commitment to excellence was reflected in the success of our National Science Quiz Club teams, with Year 5 and Year 6 boys once again reaching the national finals and securing top 10 placements.

STEAM has been at the forefront of our efforts to prepare boys for a rapidly changing world. Through a dedicated 40-minute weekly lesson, projects like building rocket-powered vehicles have fostered hands-on learning, collaboration, and innovative problem-solving. Coding has been a particular focus, with younger boys introduced to Marty the Robot and Lego codable software, laying the groundwork for future technological fluency.

We've also strengthened partnerships with engineering initiatives. Boys in Year 2 and Year 6 participated in a programme with Primary Engineer and Network Rail, working alongside professional engineers to explore rail safety. In Years 3 and 4, boys excelled in the Leaders Award Scheme, identifying real-world problems, and proposing engineering solutions, with two of their designs turned into prototypes by Kingston University.

Art

Homefield celebrated the boys' artistic talents through initiatives like the Artist of the Week programme and the annual Christmas Card Competition. The Artist of the Week spotlighted exceptional student creations, showcasing creativity across various mediums. A highlight of the year was a child in Year 6 winning the Christmas Card Competition with his stunning 'Abstract Christmas' design, which was featured as the official school card.

Sport

At Homefield, we believe that sports education goes beyond winning trophies. Our sports for all, value-added approach focuses on holistic development, ensuring that every boy benefits from the physical, mental, and social aspects of sports. This year we have introduced a comprehensive fitness programme that caters to all skill levels, encouraging boys to set personal goals and track their

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progress. This initiative has not only improved overall fitness but also boosted self-esteem and resilience. Our sports department has also prioritised inclusivity, offering a wide range of activities to ensure that every student finds a sport they love. From the traditional team sports of football, rugby hockey and cricket to individual pursuits like tennis, dance and gymnastics, we provide opportunities for all boys to participate and excel.

Moreover, we have integrated sports with academic learning through our "Sports and Studies" programme for year 7 and 8 pupils. This initiative helps students balance their academic responsibilities with their sporting commitments, fostering time management skills and discipline.

The boys from year 3 to year 8 played in over 120 competitive fixtures in football, rugby, hockey and cricket. The cross-country team competed at the Regional cross country competition held at Epsom College, there were two swimming galas at Sutton High school and two full school sports days. Notable success in sports fixtures was the year 3 cricket A team who went the whole season unbeaten. A year 7 boy and captain of the first 11 cricket team represented Surrey at county level. Individual success also came at National level for a boy in Year 4 who won the IAPS national Judo competition.

Sports at Homefield are not just about competition; they are about building character and community. Our boys have engaged in two outreach festivals run by the Homefield pupils and PE staff for local state primary school in athletics and cricket. These experiences have taught the boys the importance of empathy, teamwork, and leadership.

In conclusion, the past year has been a remarkable journey of growth and achievement for our sports department. We are incredibly proud of our boys and their accomplishments, and we remain committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment for their continued development.

ISI Inspection

The School was inspected by the Independent Schools Inspectorate in September 2024. The inspectors looked at all aspects of school life in great detail and the report is very comprehensive. The School is delighted with the inspectors' comments about;

- the quality of our boys' education, training and recreation;
- pupils' physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing;
- pupils' social and economic wellbeing and contribution to society, including careers.

We are further delighted that the quality of our academic and pastoral provision, teaching and learning and extra-curricular activities have been praised.

We are, of course, disappointed with some elements of the report, but pleased that the report recognises the significant work and progress that has been made over recent few months. We look forward to welcoming inspectors back as soon as possible into 2025 in a short visit to monitor that progress.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The Charity's net outgoing resources were £214,574 (2023: net incoming resources £397,886).

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Reserves level and policy

The Board has established a general reserve policy to afford some protection to the School and its charitable programme and to provide time to adjust to changing financial circumstances. In the light of challenges in the independent sector, the governors are reviewing the reserves policy for the 24/25 accounts.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Governors have an established procedure to review key risks on an ongoing basis.

The economic environment has not been helpful to independent schools over the past several years and many have closed as a result, with those outside the South East bearing the brunt. We have been secure at Homefield throughout this period but we have also been financially prudent. Even during this tricky economic climate, we have continued to invest further in the School, and we will continue to improve and enhance the School's facilities as our finances allow. Homefield has a strategic plan in place to grow in numbers, however, we never lose sight of the fact that within our resources, we must provide the best possible education and learning environment for our pupils.

The Government's tax policies contained in their Autumn Budget in October 2024 will have a significant impact on all independent schools throughout the country, including Homefield. The decision by the Government to implement these changes mid-academic year means that schools have had little time in which to make any structural changes to their provision for the academic year 2024/25. The addition of VAT on school fees, the removal of mandatory business rates relief, the increase in employer's National Insurance and the increase in the National Living Wage will require a high level of re-budgeting and forecasting for the academic year 2024/25 and beyond.

The risk management process identifies risks, assesses their impact and likelihood, and where necessary, recommends controls to mitigate and monitor those risks assessed as high. The generic controls used to minimise risk include:

- A full high level risk register reviewed by the Head, Bursar and Governing Body;
- Detailed terms of reference together with formal agendas for each committee and full Governing Body meeting;
- Strategic development planning;
- Comprehensive budgeting and management accounting;
- Established organisational structures and line of reporting;
- Formal written policies and approval levels; and
- Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable.

FUTURE PLANS

The recruitment and retention of pupils is of paramount importance, given the economic climate in the UK. There is an increased focus on effective Marketing and Admissions, embracing the use of social media to reach potential homefield families.

The School will reopen its Nursery in September 2024, due to a healthy appetite for age three nursery places in the local area, and to provide a natural feeder into the Reception classes.

Following the departure of Mr Naismith as Head, the Governors are delighted that Mrs Anderson is taking up the role in 24/25 and fully embedding her into the Homefield community is a key objective for the next year. The Board would like to thank Mr Hammond for his excellent tenure as Interim Head.

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The Board continues to strategically plan for the future through a programme of development and investment to:

- provide a stimulating learning environment in which pupils can develop their academic potential to the full;
- ensure the teaching facilities for our pupils are of a high quality;
- provide a happy and secure pastoral environment, in which all pupils are offered opportunities for leadership and service to others;
- offer all pupils the opportunities of experiencing a broad range of intellectual, cultural, sporting and wider-community influences;
- increase the capability of the School to offer education to children whose parents are unable to afford full fees, particularly Children Looked After;
- support members of staff, particularly middle managers, with opportunities to develop their skills and careers;
- ensure that the School plays a significant part in the life of the local community, sharing facilities and seeking local partnerships wherever possible.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governors (who are also the directors of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' Annual Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Governors 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Governors 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 of fraud and other irregularities.

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DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the Governors has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware that is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify any such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

This report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Governors, as Directors of the charitable company, on 4th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Ms M Gardiner Boiling
Chair of Governors

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') and its subsidiary ('the group') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the charitable company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cashflow Statement and notes to the financial statements. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group and the parent 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 of 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 group 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 the provisions available for small entities, and we have fulfilled our 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 governor's 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 doubt on the charitable company's and group'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 governors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the governors' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the governors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the governors' 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 group and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the governors' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company and group, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require; or

Responsibilities of the governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement, the governors (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 governors 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 governors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's and group'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 governors either intend to liquidate the charitable company and group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

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Auditor's 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 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. 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

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and its management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general sector experience, and through discussion with the Governors' and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the Governors' and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations (see below);
- We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety; General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); fraud; bribery and corruption, school inspections, keeping children safe in education (statutory guidance), DBS checks and employment law. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to enquiry of the trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. The identified actual or suspected non-compliance was not sufficiently significant to our audit to result in our response being identified as a key audit matter.
- We considered the legal and regulatory frameworks directly applicable to the financial statements reporting framework (FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK.
- We considered the nature of the charitable company's operations, the control environment and financial performance.
- We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We considered the procedures and controls that the charitable company and group have established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those programmes and controls.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included: testing manual journals; reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation; performing analytical procedures; and enquiring of management, and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's and group'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 and group's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for the 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 group and the charitable company's and group's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


TC Group

Mark Cummins FCCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of TC Group
Statutory Auditors
Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Dated: 19th May 2025

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM:					
Donations	5	-	4,980	4,980	23,335
Other trading activities	6	107	-	107	103
Investments	7	21,145	-	21,145	5,442
Charitable activities	8	4,401,954	-	4,401,954	4,583,078
Other income	9	27,722	-	27,722	215,376
Total income		4,450,928	4,980	4,455,908	4,827,334
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds		1,423	-	1,423	2,012
Charitable activities		4,669,059	-	4,669,059	4,427,436
Total expenditure	10	4,670,482	-	4,670,482	4,429,448
Net income/(expenditure)		(219,554)	4,980	(214,574)	397,886
Transfer between funds	23	4,980	(4,980)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(214,574)	-	(214,574)	397,886
Fund balances brought forward		9,871,802	3,446	9,875,248	9,477,362
Fund balances carried forward	22	9,657,228	3,446	9,660,674	9,875,248

All income and gains for the year are recognised above. All the school's activities are classified as continuing.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reported on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Company Number: 00887719

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024		2023 RESTATED	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		9,821,541		10,080,778
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	15	70,380		73,472	
Current asset investments	14	500,000		300,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,251,353		1,418,850	
		<u>1,821,733</u>		<u>1,792,322</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(949,472)</u>		<u>(901,700)</u>	
Net current assets			872,261		890,622
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		<u>(1,033,128)</u>		<u>(1,096,154)</u>
Net assets			<u>9,660,674</u>		<u>9,875,248</u>
Represented by:					
Restricted funds	23		3,446		3,446
Unrestricted funds:					
General school funds	22		<u>9,657,228</u>		<u>9,871,802</u>
			<u>9,660,674</u>		<u>9,875,248</u>

The accounts were approved by the Board of Governors and signed on their behalf by:



Ms M Gardiner Boiling
Governor



Mrs J Crooke
Governor

Date: 4th February 2025

The notes on pages 18 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

See note 13 for details of a prior year adjustment.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

Company Number: 00887719

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Notes	2024		2023 RESTATED	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		9,821,541		10,080,778
Investments	19		2		2
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	15	70,380		73,472	
Current asset investments	14	500,000		300,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,251,353		1,418,850	
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HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

		2024		2023 RESTATED	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income/(expenditure) for the year			(214,574)		397,886
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation charges	12	337,450		341,787	
Interest receivable	7	(21,145)		(5,442)	
Interest payable		31,398		49,990	
Early loan repayment fee		-		(206,176)	
Loss/(profit) from sale of tangible fixed assets		-		191	
(Increase)/decrease in stock		-		1,781	
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	15	3,092		1,114	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	16	47,772		(380,363)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities			398,567		(197,118)
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Interest receivable	7	21,145		5,442	
Interest payable		(31,398)		(49,990)	
Purchases of tangible fixed assets		(72,689)		(200,756)	
Purchase of current asset investments	14	(200,000)		(300,000)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities			(282,942)		(545,304)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Early loan repayment fee		-		206,176	
Loan repayments	18	(68,548)		(1,310,851)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities			(68,548)		(1,104,675)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in year			(167,497)		(1,449,211)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			1,418,850		2,868,061
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year			1,251,353		1,418,850
Analysis of changes in net funds					
		Brought forward	Cash flows	Carried forward	
		£	£	£	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,418,850	(167,497)	1,251,353	
Current asset investments		300,000	200,000	500,000	
Bank loans		(1,174,149)	68,548	(1,105,601)	
		544,701	101,051	645,752	

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Statutory information

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited is a private charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The charitable company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the legal and administrative information page.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy. The financial statements are prepared in Sterling and rounded to the nearest £1.

After reviewing the charitable company's forecasts and projections, the Governors have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charitable company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

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

In the opinion of the Governors, no assumptions concerning the future or estimation certainty affecting assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are likely to result in material adjustment to their carrying amounts in the next financial year.

2.2 Income

Fees receivable and charges for services, less any allowances, scholarships and bursaries granted by the school against those fees are accounted for in the period in which the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probably that income will be received.

School fees are accounted for on a receivable basis. Fees for a future service period are included in deferred income, including those fees received under an advance fee payment scheme. The services provided are currently outside the scope of VAT.

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

Donations, legacies, grants and other voluntary income are accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably measured, and the economic benefit is considered probable. Where a donor or an appeal has imposed restrictions, the income is credited to a restricted fund.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with irrecoverable VAT included with the item to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure includes all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charitable company, and the related support costs, which comprise all the expenditure on the management and the administration of the charitable company, including an appropriate portion of the Head's and Bursar's time.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories and departments on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

School buildings	2 – 20% straight line (from the date brought into use)
Furniture & equipment	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line
Computer equipment	33.3% straight line

At each reporting date, the charitable company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible fixed assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. Any such loss would be recognised immediately as expenditure in that year.

No depreciation has been provided on land.

2.5 Operating lease commitments

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all benefits and the risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the lease.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Pensions

The charitable company makes pension contributions for teaching staff through the scheme operated by the Teachers' Pension Agency. Contributions are made to personal pension plans for their staff at the discretion of the Board. Both schemes are regulated by the Pensions regulator. All costs are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are incurred.

2.7 Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all benefits and the risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the lease.

2.8 Employee benefits

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

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

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash in hand, short term highly liquid investments with original maturity dates of the months or less, and bank overdrafts. The Governors seek to use short- and medium-term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.10 Debtors

Fees and extras receivable and accrued income are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.11 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charitable company has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

2.12 Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

2.13 Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments which are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the governors.

Restricted funds are those funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes in accordance with the wishes of the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2.15 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The Governors do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

3. Turnover

The turnover of the charity is wholly attributable to the objects of the charity as stated in the Governors' Report and is earned entirely within the UK.

This is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating lease payments	31,049	21,839
Depreciation	337,450	341,787
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	191
Auditors' remuneration - audit services (see note 10)	14,474	6,600

4. Taxation

The charitable company is registered as a charity and all of its income falls within the exemptions under Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

5. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	4,980	4,980	23,335

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6. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
School shop	107	-	107	103

7. Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	21,145	-	21,145	5,442

8. Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross school fees	4,374,257	4,517,897
Less discounts	(52,285)	(39,305)
Net school fees	4,321,972	4,478,592
Home away club	-	9,073
Registration & assessment fees	9,450	11,500
School bus service and minibus hire	70,357	78,413
Deposits adjusted and forfeited	175	5,500
	4,401,954	4,583,078

9. Other income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Hall facilities/hiring revenue	917	-	917	6,800
Holiday activities	-	-	-	1,000
Loan repayment income	-	-	-	206,176
Sundry income	26,805	-	26,805	1,400
	27,722	-	27,722	215,376

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

10. Analysis of expenditure

	School operating costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Costs of raising funds				
School uniform shop	1,423	-	1,423	2,012
Total costs of raising funds	1,423	-	1,423	2,012
Charitable activities				
Administration and general	641,068	26,895	667,963	697,794
Educational	2,842,187	19,229	2,861,416	2,553,909
Establishment	433,094	-	433,094	463,148
Housekeeping	369,136	-	369,136	370,798
Depreciation	337,450	-	337,450	341,787
Total charitable expenditure	4,622,935	46,124	4,669,059	4,427,436
Total expenditure	4,624,358	46,124	4,670,482	4,429,448

Analysis of governance costs:	2024	2023
	£	£
Governance costs:		
Auditors remuneration for audit services	14,474	6,600
Accountancy and payroll costs	11,769	11,742
Governors' expenses	652	119
Other governance costs	19,229	45,836
Total governance costs	46,124	64,297

11. Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs for the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,429,045	2,189,774
Social security costs	240,477	226,111
Pension costs	412,529	361,157
	3,082,051	2,777,042

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Teaching	46	45
Estates	9	8
Administration	8	9
	63	62

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11. Staff costs (continued)

None of the governors received any remuneration or other benefits from the school or any connected body (2023: none).

Four Governors (2023: Two) received reimbursed expenses in the year of £652 (2023: £119) for travelling expenses and DBS checks during the year.

Included within staff costs are ex-gratia payments of £141,584 (2023: £Nil).

Staff with emoluments in excess of £60,000 per annum in the following bands are:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
£60,000 - £69,999	1	2
£70,000 - £79,999	1	-
£80,000 - £89,999	-	1
£120,000 - £129,999	1	1

Of the employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000, none (2023: none) has benefits accruing under a defined benefit scheme outside of the Teachers' Pension Scheme.

The key management personnel of the school are detailed in the Governors' Report and Legal and Administrative Information. In 2024: 7 staff (2023: 6 staff).

	2024	2023
	£	£
Aggregate employee benefits of key management personnel (Including employer national insurance and pension contributions)	<u>696,689</u>	<u>501,134</u>

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12. Tangible fixed assets – company and consolidated group

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Furniture & Equipment	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2023	11,616,423	693,835	19,554	558,870	12,888,682
Additions	62,629	3,302	-	65,518	131,449
Disposals	(53,236)	-	-	-	(53,236)
At 31 August 2024	11,625,816	697,137	19,554	624,388	12,966,895
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2023	1,691,167	567,099	19,554	530,084	2,807,904
Charge for the year	237,547	66,275	-	33,628	337,450
At 31 August 2024	1,928,714	633,374	19,554	563,712	3,145,354
Net book value					
At 31 August 2024	9,697,102	63,763	-	60,676	9,821,541
At 31 August 2023	9,925,256	126,736	-	28,786	10,080,778

Included within freehold land and buildings is £66,000 of land that is not depreciated.

A loan facility was granted on 3 August 2020 and is secured by a fixed charge over the school's freehold land and buildings. The carrying value of the assets charges was £9,697,101 at the balance sheet date. The loan facility was made available in an aggregate amount of £2,500,000. Two further tranches of £625,000 each (at 2.70% fixed for 5 years and 2.76% fixed for 10 years) and an additional tranche of £1,250,000 (at 2.77% fixed for 15 years) were drawn down in August 2022. Interest reverts to a floating rate after the fixed interest rate periods. All amounts are repayable within 15 years from 1 August 2022. The £1,250,000 loan tranche was repaid in March 2023.

The board considers that the current value of the freehold property is likely to be materially higher than the carrying value as shown in the financial statements. However, without the benefit of a professional valuation the Board is not in a position to quantify the difference. The Board considers that the cost involved in obtaining a professional valuation out of charitable funds would not be of sufficient benefit to the school to warrant the expense.

13. Prior year adjustment

Management have determined that the fixed deposits recognised as cash at bank in the year ended 31 August 2023 had maturity dates in excess of those which would allow them to be classified as demand deposits and should instead be classified as current asset investments. The financial statements have therefore been restated. The restatement has resulted in cash at bank and in hand decreasing from £1,718,850 to £1,418,850 and other current assets increasing from £73,472 to £373,472 at the year ended 31 August 2023.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

14. Current asset investments – company and consolidated group

	2024	AS RESTATED 2023
	£	£
Long term deposits	<u>500,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

15. Debtors – company and consolidated group

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fee debtors	4,533	20,018
Prepayments and accrued income	64,468	40,298
Other debtors	<u>1,379</u>	<u>13,156</u>
	<u>70,380</u>	<u>73,472</u>

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year – company and consolidated group

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loan (secured – see note 18)	72,473	77,995
Trade creditors	116,624	158,068
Accruals and deferred income	21,325	76,477
Other creditors	45,642	7,109
Fees in advance	481,501	419,701
Deposits	170,657	162,350
Other taxes and social security	<u>41,250</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>949,472</u>	<u>901,700</u>

Fees in advance represent fees received for Autumn term 2024.

17. Creditors: amounts falling due after one year – company and consolidated group

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loan (secured – see note 18)	<u>1,033,128</u>	<u>1,096,154</u>

18. Analysis of secured debts – company and consolidated group

The bank loan is wholly repayable in instalments as follows:	2024	2023
	£	£
In less than one year	72,473	77,995
In more than one year but less than five years	674,527	695,156
In more than five years	<u>358,601</u>	<u>400,998</u>
	<u>1,105,601</u>	<u>1,174,149</u>

Details of the bank loan are disclosed in note 12.

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19. Fixed asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments in subsidiaries	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The group or the company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Subsidiaries

Homefield School Enterprises Ltd

Registered office: Homefield School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2TE

Nature of business: Dormant company

Class of shares: Ordinary
% holding: 100.00

Homefield School Enterprises Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited, which was incorporated on 30 April 2013. It has remained dormant to 31 August 2024.

20. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2024 the company had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases which are payable as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	15,197	29,019
Between one and five years	18,595	46,647
	<u>33,792</u>	<u>75,666</u>

Operating lease expenses incurred during the year are as follows:

Motor expenses £28,143
Printing and stationary £2,906

21. Pension commitments

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £350,118 (2023: £301,096) and at the year-end £42,823 (2023 - £Nil) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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21. Pension commitments (continued)

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2020 and the Valuation Report was published in October 2023.

Following the McCloud judgement, the remedy proposed that when benefits become payable, eligible members can select to receive them from either the reformed or legacy schemes for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2022. The actuaries have assumed that members are likely to choose the option that provides them with the greater benefits, and in preparing the 2020 valuation has valued the 'greater value' benefits for groups of relevant members.

The employer contribution rate for the TPS is 28.6%, and employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 28.68%.

The charitable company withdrew from the TPS in September 2024, with all teaching staff (except TA's) joining the new scheme.

The school also makes contributions to a defined contribution scheme for non-teaching staff. The assets of these are held separately to those of the school in independently administered funds. Contributions payable during the year were £62,411 (2023: £60,061) and at the year-end £3,814 (2023: £Nil) was accrued in respect of contributions due to the scheme.

22. Consolidated analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	9,821,541	-	9,821,543
Current assets	1,818,287	3,446	1,821,733
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(949,472)	-	(949,472)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(1,033,128)	-	(1,033,128)
	9,657,228	3,446	9,660,674

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Comparative Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	10,080,780	-	10,080,780
Current assets	1,788,876	3,446	1,792,322
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(901,700)	-	(901,700)
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(1,096,154)	-	(1,096,154)
	9,871,802	3,446	9,875,248

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23. Restricted funds

	Balance as at 1 September 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers to unrestricted reserves	Balance as at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Green travel	1,217	-	-	-	1,217
EYPS award	2,229	4,980	-	(4,980)	2,229
	<u>3,446</u>	<u>4,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,980)</u>	<u>3,446</u>

During the year, the Charities Aid Foundation made a donation of £4,956 to the school.

A further donation of £24 was made during the year by a private individual.

All donations received in the year were fully spent at the year-end.

24. Share capital and control

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. In the event of a winding up, each member guarantees to contribute an amount of no more than £1.

25. Governors' indemnity insurance

As part of its overall insurance policy, the charitable company purchased Governors' liability insurance providing cover up to £2,000,000 in respect of claims arising from negligence, error or omission committed in good faith.

26. Related party transactions

No Governors had children who attended the school during the current year (2023: None).

During the year the school paid third parties £721 for training of the Governors (2023: £Nil).

Two members of key management personnel had children who attended the school during the year (2023: two). Fees payable and any discounts were charged and awarded on the same basis as for other parents and staff.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Company Number: 00887719
Charity Number: 312753

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**HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors present their annual and strategic report for the year ended 31st August 2023, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charity's governing document and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited ("The School") is a charitable company registered in 1966, to run the school that was founded in 1870. The Charity registration number is 312753 and Company registration number is 00887719. The liability of its members is limited to £1 each by guarantee. The Company is Registered in England and Wales and its Registered Office and principal address are at Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE.

Directors and Board of Governors

The Directors of the Company, who are also the Charity Trustees and the School Governors, throughout the year and until the date of this report were:

Ms M Gardiner Boiling, MA (Cantab), Graduate LLB (Hons), DipABRSM (Chair)

Mr A Ahmed, BSc (Hons), MBA

Mr C Akojie, BSc ACA

Dr G M Bamford, BSc (Hons), PhD, CPsychol, FPsychol, PGCE

Mrs J Croke, BSc (Hons), ACMA

Mr S Everest, OBE (Deputy Chair)

Mrs Georgina Gillan LLB (Hons), MA Child Studies

Mrs M H Harris, BEd, MEd (Deputy Chair) - resigned 31 August 2023

Mrs Emma Rix BA (Hons), PGCE

Mrs J Whittingham BScEcon (Hons), MSc Fin - resigned 7 December 2022

Dr A H Wilcox, MA, MSc, LLM, MBA, MRCP, FRCPath

Registered office Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE

Key Executives and Professional Advisors as at the date of signing of the Report

The Key Management Personnel are the Head, Bursar and the Senior Management Team:

Head: Mr A S Naismith BEd. (Hons) (effective 30 October 2023)

Bursar: Ms N Nwaejike, BAcc (Hons), FCA, Ass(CIPD)

Senior Mr Z Siva, BSc (Hons), PGCE (Acting Head until 29 October 2023)

Management Mrs Lisa Crook, B.Ed., M.A., N.P.Q.M.L. (Deputy Head Academic)

Team (SMT): Mr Edward Smith, B.A. (Hons.), Q.T.S. (Acting Deputy Head Pastoral)

Mrs Emma Field, B.A. (Hons.), Q.T.S. (Head of Lower School)

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, 49 High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1DX

Auditors: Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet, 5 Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SW

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and by the provisions of the Trust Deed. These were replaced by a revised set of Articles of Association by passing a special resolution at an Extra-ordinary meeting, held at Homefield Preparatory School, on 27th July 2021.

Governing Body

The Board of Governors comprises a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 Governors. The Board of Governors appoints new Governors in light of specific criteria and the needs created by retirements. Governor appointments are based on the need for the Board as a whole to have the skills and experience to determine the policies of the School and to monitor the implementation of those policies. A Governor shall be appointed for a term of four years and may twice be re - elected to serve a further term of four years following each re-election.

Governor Training

New Governors are inducted into the workings of the School, and also of the Company as a registered Charity, including Board Policy and Procedures. They receive guidance notes from a range of external services and sources including the Charity Commission, IAPS, AGBIS and ISBA. A Terms of Reference Document based on these collective guidelines has been adopted by the Board. The Governors each have their own areas of individual professional expertise and the Chair of Governors and the Clerk to the Governing Body identify and offer suitable training opportunities and courses. During the year several Governors attended courses and seminars. Pertinent information from such developmental sessions is circulated to all Governors.

Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the Company and to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. There are Governors' committees for 'Education and Welfare' and 'Finance and General Purposes'. These Committees aim to meet at least once a term to consider a wide range of matters that have an impact on the School's development, operations, capital building programme and finance. Additional committees for 'Governance Oversight' and 'Bursary Oversight', meet as required. The minutes of committee meetings are produced for discussion at the Main Board meeting. Other committees can be set up from time to time for specific projects. The findings of these committees are briefed to the Main Board. Furthermore, the Chair of Governors meets weekly with the Head and can be called upon at any time by the Head, should the need arise. The day-to-day running of the School is delegated to the Head who is supported by the remainder of the Senior Management Team (SMT).

The Head oversees the recruitment of all educational staff whilst, under delegated authority, the Bursar oversees the recruitment of administrative and non-teaching support staff.

Key Management Personnel

The Governors consider that they, together with the Head, the Bursar, the Deputy Heads and the Head of Lower School Department comprise the Key Management Personnel. The Governors give of their time freely and the pay and remuneration of the Head and senior staff is set by the Governors and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting pay:

- nature of the role and responsibilities
- personal performance based on annual appraisals
- salaries in the region
- the sector average salary for comparable positions
- trends in pay

Key Management Personnel (continued)

In recent years, flexible pay across both state and private sector has affected the ease of recruitment to certain roles. We offer appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance in a fair and responsible manner but remain sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit the best qualified and experienced staff and provide scope to reward them for excellence. The Governors have, however, given delegated authority to the Head to pay higher salaries for exceptional candidates where this is in the interest of the School.

Relationships

The School is a member of the IAPS, AGBIS, and ISBA for the promotion, maintenance and delivery of excellence in education to the age of 13. The School actively contributes to the local community in a number of different ways, as detailed below under Public Benefit.

Risk Management

The Key Management Personnel continually review the School's activities, with regard to any major risks that may arise and ways to manage them. Detailed considerations of risk are delegated to the Senior Management Team of the School. The key risks are reviewed at each of the Governing Body Main Boards.

The Governors consider the principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity and their plans and strategies for managing these risks to be:

- **Losing key members of staff:** The Senior Management team is considered to be of particular value. Retention strategies and succession planning have been considered, as have notice and handover periods, as well as a strengthened middle management, to help alleviate any issues. Homefield have recently recruited a new Head and additional measures and support have been introduced to ensure a smooth transition into the role.
- **Sources of income:** The principal source of income for the School is pupil fees. The current economic climate and associated increase in the cost of living has negatively impacted household finances for our families. This has resulted in a decrease in the number of pupils on roll. This risk is managed by continued focus on delivering academic and pastoral excellence to drive demand, highly focused marketing activities to increase pupil numbers and the offer of short-term financial support to current families to aid retention. Now that the building works are complete, plans have also begun to establish additional income streams through lettings.
- **Recruitment and retention of high calibre teaching and support staff:** This risk is managed through the provision of competitive salary and benefits for all staff, robust retention strategies and the strengthening of the School's middle management to improve succession planning.
- **Potential change of charitable tax relief status:** The Governors are aware of the possible challenges that the independent school sector could face were there to be a change of government at the next general election given the anticipated amendments in government policy regarding charitable tax reliefs.

Through the risk management processes established for the School, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Objectives

The Objects of the Company, in accordance with its Articles of Association and the Charity's governing document, allow for the education of boys up to the age of 13 years.

Strategic Aim and Intended Effect

At Homefield we aim to provide a safe and happy environment, with a real depth of specialist teaching, to enable academic success. We invest in an ambitious curriculum for all our boys. This goes beyond English, maths and the sciences. Quality and vitality inform the humanities, the arts and sport. This breadth and depth ensures a wider fulfilment of our boys' individual potential, in 'hand, head and heart'.

We seek to develop deeper study skills and aptitudes toward learning, such as research or collaboration, in order to inspire independent thinkers who work well with others and are eager for challenge. Well-being within our community sets us on this caring path.

We aspire to be a truly cosmopolitan school, with a rich diversity both, reflecting and supporting our place as a charity within the wider community of London. We aim for a generous education of knowledge and skill, but also ethical character so that our boys not only 'do well' but 'do good'. With roots in the nineteenth Century, our mission embraces the 21st where well-being and civic virtue are key to our school's character and success.

Objectives for the Year

The Board's main objective continued to be to educate all the School's pupils to achieve their maximum individual potential in all of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities offered throughout the School. Our strategy for achieving this was and is to maintain a commitment to the delivery of best practice, exemplified by a strong teacher-to-pupil ratio and by seeking to meet the individual needs of all pupils.

Principal Activity

The School's principal activity continues to be that of running a preparatory school for boys.

Volunteers

The School is grateful to those parents who assist by accompanying pupils on various school trips throughout the year on a voluntary basis. Members of the Board and members of the Homefield Association devote their time for the benefit of the School on a totally voluntary basis.

Homefield Preparatory School also benefits from the generosity of the Homefield Association and from parents, for their contribution to the success of the School.

Public Benefit

The Governors are mindful of the long-standing need to provide public benefit and of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and, in setting the School aims and objectives and planning the School's activities, the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The School includes, within its objectives, the delivery of excellence in education for boys between the ages of 4 and 13 to prepare them for their further studies and for life in the world beyond school. The Governors ensure this charitable purpose is carried out for the public benefit by working to ensure, wherever possible, that the opportunity for a first class education is available to all who are sufficiently talented and would benefit from being part of the School.

Public Benefit (continued)

The Governors recognise the financial commitment made by parents. For those who are unable to pay the full costs, the Governors view bursary awards as important in helping to ensure children from families who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees can access the education we offer. The School welcomes means-tested bursary applications. Under the School's bursary policy, all applications for financial support are considered, based on personal and means-tested circumstances. In assessing suitability, the child should meet the school's normal entry requirements, where attention is given to both their academic progress and their potential. With limited funds, bursary support is offered to those considered likely to make academic progress and to benefit from participating in the school's wider, extra-curricular activities. All bursary applications are assessed by the Head and Bursar with overview from at least two Governors. Hardship monies are allocated on a short term basis giving priority to the continuity of education of those pupils already at the School and at key stages of their educational journey. All criteria and policies relating to concessions are kept under review and are updated when necessary. The Governors recognise the need to continually provide for bursaries and to allocate bursary funds.

The School supports a number of pupils through the Bursary Scheme although there is no specific endowment for this purpose. During the year ended 31 August 2023, a total of £43,260 (2022: £61,975), was spent on providing bursarial support for three pupils. This included one 'Looked After Child (LAC) on a full bursary covering all fees and costs, who came from the partnership that Homefield has developed with Sutton Virtual School. Sutton Virtual School acts as a local authority champion to promote the progress and educational attainment of Looked After Children. Furthermore, the school extended its charitable aims in this area through partnership with Harrow Senior School and Sutton Virtual School to provide one-to-one tuition for nine additional LACs using the 'Lumina' online learning platform. Nine of our qualified teachers provided weekly support, pro bono, to resource this successful project. We will extend this charitable work into the next academic year.

During the year the School will normally provide scholarships, grants, prizes and other awards from both restricted funds and unrestricted funds - the former being subject to the particular conditions made by the original donor. In common with other Independent Schools, Homefield Preparatory School makes these awards based on the educational potential of the pupil or evidence of exceptional abilities which will contribute to our co-curricular activities. The total of all types of scholarships provide during the year was £11,116 (2022: £13,818).

As part of our emphasis on attracting and retaining high calibre staff, we offer a fee remission scheme for members of staff choosing to educate their children at the School.

A total of £2,025 (2022: £1,774) was also raised in the year to support a variety of charities. Those charities included The Children's Trust, Comic Relief, Jeans for Genes, Guide Dogs for the Blind and NSPCC. A number of these were chosen by the pupils and a large donation of appropriate food stuffs was made to Sutton food bank by parents and pupils of the school, again this year.

The School has continued its significant charitable outreach to other schools in the last year. Over 4000 education professionals have downloaded the toolkit we designed, in partnership with Sutton Local Authority (LA), to encourage the inclusion of children in care within independent settings. The previous Head provided a keynote speech at Independent Association of Prep Schools Heads Conference in September 2022.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

Public Benefit (continued)

The School continues to attach great importance to its contribution to the wider community. The Governors confirm that they have complied with the duty to provide public benefit as laid down in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011; in particular, they have given due regard to the revised General Guidance issued by the Charity Commission in September 2013. A number of the Senior Management Team volunteer their time to either other charitable organisations, local community groups or sport clubs: The Deputy Head (Academic) was a governor at Medway GST School and the Deputy Head (Pastoral) is a member of the Roehampton University SMB, which is used to offer feedback and develop Teacher training programmes, school placements and Mentor/Mentee systems. The previous Head (until 31 August 2023) is a Trustee of the Royal Society of Arts and continued to lend his qualified executive coaching skills to charitable endeavour organised by 'Love Your Coaching' and supported by the Independent Schools Council to provide pro-bono coaching for head teachers. The new Head (effective 30 October 2023) is the Lead Headteacher Ambassador for Youth Sports Trust.

Operational Performance of the School

The Board is pleased to report the achievement of its pupils in attaining their highest potential as measured by value added criteria; examination results and their successful graduation to their preferred senior school. As with previous years, the 2022-23 academic year was an extremely successful one.

The CATS scores for the boys in Year 6 and Year 8 showed that the majority were above the national age-related standards. Year 8 pupils had a 100% pass rate at Common Entrance and obtained places for their chosen senior schools. Across a new Common Entrance Syllabus 73% scored A* and A across core subjects. 85% scored A* and B. In all, 27 Scholarship awards were offered to Year 6 and Year 8 pupils by highly-respected senior schools. 30 places were offered at local Grammar Schools.

The School also performs at a highly developed level in sport, maths, music and art. Homefield boys have competed at local and county levels over a variety of different sports. In music, boys have performed in National competitions and have showcased the talent within the department with participation in numerous senior school orchestral and choral days.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The net income for the year amounted to £397,886 (2022: £515,034).

Reserves

The Board has established a general reserve policy to afford some protection to the School and its charitable programme and to provide time to adjust to changing financial circumstances. This is detailed in Note 19.

Investment Powers and Policy

The investment powers and policy are governed by the Articles of Association, which permit surplus funds to be invested in any investments, security or property as may be thought fit and as may be prescribed by law.

The School's investment objective is to maximise the return on its investment funds while maintaining maximum security and a high degree of liquidity. To meet this objective, the School invests any surplus funds in call deposits with a high security rating and either fixed interest rates or with a fixed relationship to base rate.

Fundraising

In line with the reporting requirements included in the Charities Act 2016 the Governors are pleased to confirm that all fundraising is done in compliance with best fundraising practice. All fundraising activities follow traditional methods such as cake sales and "mufti days". During the year 2022-2023, we did not employ any professional fundraisers. There were no complaints or criticisms during the year about our fundraising activities.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

FUTURE PLANS

The number of pupils on roll at the School decreased over the year by about 7% by the end of the summer term. This reflects the ongoing impact of increased inflation on family finances and is exacerbated by the uncertainty over the potential change to the charitable tax relief status of the Independent School sector of should there be a change in government at the next general election. Additional attention will be paid to the Marketing and Admissions function within the school to ensure the recruitment and retention of pupils. Homefield has committed to at least one Open Day per term and will also attend the Independent Schools Fair in November 2023 to raise the profile of the school. The School's Strategic Development Plan was agreed by the Governors in December 2018 and is subject to an annual review by the Governors. The Board continues to strategically plan for the future through a programme of development and investment to:

- provide a stimulating learning environment in which pupils can develop their academic potential to the full;
- ensure the teaching facilities for our pupils are of a high quality;
- provide a happy and secure pastoral environment, in which all pupils are offered opportunities for leadership and service to others;
- offer all pupils the opportunities of experiencing a broad range of intellectual, cultural, sporting and wider-community influences;
- increase the capability of the School to offer education to children whose parents are unable to afford full fees, particularly Children Looked After;
- support members of staff, particularly middle managers, with opportunities to develop of their skills and careers;
- ensure that the School plays a significant part in the life of the local community, sharing facilities and seeking local partnerships wherever possible.

STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governors (who are also Charitable Trustees and Directors of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited 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 Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments 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 its operations.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 of fraud and other irregularities. The Governors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

AUDITORS

A resolution proposing the reappointment of Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet as auditors will be put to the Governors at a Main Board meeting.

Disclosure on information to auditors

To the knowledge and belief of the Board, there is no relevant information that the Company's auditors are not aware of, and the F and GP Committee and School executive have taken all the steps necessary to ensure the Board is aware of any relevant information, and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of the information.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board records its thanks for the continued excellence in pastoral, academic and administrative standards delivered by all the staff.

The Governors would like to thank Mr Towers for all he has done for the School over the last eight years and wish him success for his future endeavours. They would also like to thank Mr Siva for taking on the role of Acting Head for the first half of the Autumn term 2023. Mrs Harris and Mrs Whittington have retired as Governors since the last report. The Governors wish to thank them for their dedicated service to Homefield Preparatory School.

Approved by the Board of Governors on 5 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms M Gardiner Boiling
Chairman

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, 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 2023 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Governors' 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 Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Governors 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 Governors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (continued)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Governors' Report, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Governors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included with the governors' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement, the governors (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 governors are responsible for assessing the charity'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 governors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 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:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (continued)

We determined that the principal risks were related to management bias in accounting estimates, presentation of separately disclosed items and management override of controls. In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to challenging significant accounting estimates, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, evaluating the internal controls, reviewing trustees' minutes and identifying and testing journal entries.

There are inherent limitations in the 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. 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 for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:
<http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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.



Miriam Hickson FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
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Statutory Auditor
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Dated: 15 December 2023

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the Income and Expenditure Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023			2022		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income from:							
Donations		335	23,000	23,335	1,552	-	1,552
Other trading activities							
School shop		103	-	103	299	-	299
Investments		5,442	-	5,442	172	-	172
Charitable activities							
Fees receivable		4,478,592	-	4,478,592	4,481,277	-	4,481,277
Extras chargeable		104,486	-	104,486	172,556	-	172,556
Other income							
Sundry income		9,200	-	9,200	9,538	-	9,538
Early loan repayment		206,176	-	206,176	-	-	-
Total income		<u>4,804,334</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>4,827,334</u>	<u>4,665,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,665,394</u>
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds							
Cost of goods sold		2,012	-	2,012	195	-	195
Charitable activities							
School operating costs		4,427,436	-	4,427,436	4,150,165	-	4,150,165
Total expenditure	2	<u>4,429,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,429,448</u>	<u>4,150,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,150,360</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	3	374,886	23,000	397,886	515,034	-	515,034
Transfers between funds	13,14	<u>23,000</u>	<u>(23,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		397,886	-	397,886	515,034	-	515,034
Reconciliation of funds							
At 1 September 2022		<u>9,473,916</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>9,477,362</u>	<u>8,958,882</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>8,962,328</u>
Balance carried forward							
At 31 August 2023		<u>9,871,802</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>9,875,248</u>	<u>9,473,916</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>9,477,362</u>

All recognised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities and no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains or Losses is presented.

There were no discontinued or acquired activities during the current or preceding year.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	20		200,768		971,754
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest received		5,442		172	
Early loan repayment fee		206,176		-	
Interest payable		(49,990)		(10,338)	
			161,628	(10,166)	
Capital expenditure					
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(200,756)		(1,519,993)	
Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		-		17,600	
			(200,756)	(1,502,393)	
Financing activities					
Proceeds of new bank loans		-		2,939,000	
Repayment of bank loans		(1,310,851)		(439,000)	
			(1,310,851)	2,500,000	
(Decrease)/Increase in cash			(1,149,211)	1,959,195	

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS

	2023	2022
	£	£
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year	(1,149,211)	1,959,195
Movement in net funds	(1,149,211)	1,959,195
Net funds brought forward	2,868,061	908,866
Net funds carried forward	<u>1,718,850</u>	<u>2,868,061</u>

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	Brought forward	Cashflows	Carried forward
	£	£	£
Cash at bank	2,868,061	(1,149,211)	1,718,850
Bank loans	(2,485,000)	1,310,851	(1,174,149)
	<u>383,061</u>	<u>161,640</u>	<u>544,701</u>

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

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

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE. The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(a) **Basis of accounting**

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 financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £. Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) **Fixed assets**

Depreciation has been charged on a straight line basis to reduce the cost of fixed assets to estimated realisable/residual value over their useful lives. The rates charged are:

School buildings – 2 - 20% (from the date brought into use)
Furniture and equipment – 25%
Motor vehicles – 20%
Computer equipment – 33.3%

No depreciation has been provided on land.

(c) **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, and comprise goods for resale.

(d) **Income**

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

(e) **Fees receivable, extras chargeable and interest receivable**

These are all accounted for on a receivable basis. Fees received for education to be provided in future years are carried forward as deferred income.

(f) **Gains/(losses) on investments**

Both realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

(g) **Expenditure**

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

(h) **Charitable expenditure**

This comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Charity, and the related support costs, including governance costs, which comprise all the expenditure on the management and the administration of the Charity, including an appropriate portion of the Head's and Bursar's time.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (continued)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

- (i) **Pension costs**
The School makes pension contributions for teaching staff through the scheme operated by the Teachers' Pension Agency. Contributions are made to personal pension plans for other staff at the discretion of the Board. All costs are charged to the statement of financial activities in the period in which they are incurred.
- (j) **Operating leases**
Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all benefits and the risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the lease.
- (k) **Going concern**
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, on the basis that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.
- (l) **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 company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.
- (m) **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.
- (n) **Debtors**
Fees and extras receivable and accrued income are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.
- (o) **Creditors and provisions**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.
- (p) **Financial instruments**
The charity only has financial assets and 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.

2 EXPENDITURE ON:

	School operating costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Administration and general	658,162	39,632	697,794	556,991
Educational	2,529,244	24,665	2,553,909	2,422,136
Establishment	463,148	-	463,148	514,726
Housekeeping	370,798	-	370,798	328,038
School shop	2,012	-	2,012	195
Depreciation	341,787	-	341,787	328,274
	<u>4,365,151</u>	<u>64,297</u>	<u>4,429,448</u>	<u>4,150,360</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (continued)

3 NET INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
This is stated after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration – statutory audit	6,600	5,940
– termly and annual accounts	4,372	4,663
– payroll services	7,370	7,791
Depreciation	341,787	328,274

4 STAFF COSTS	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff costs during the year amounted to:		
Wages and salaries	2,189,774	2,061,280
Social security costs	226,111	220,917
Pension costs (see Note 18)	361,157	356,631
	<u>2,777,042</u>	<u>2,638,828</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:	2023	2022
	No	No
Teaching	45	44
Estates	8	7
Administration	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>62</u>	<u>60</u>

The number of employees whose emoluments amounted to over £60,000 in the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	No	No
£60,001 - £70,000	2	2
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-
£120,001 - £130,000	1	1

Employer pension contributions of £62,585 (2022: £56,401) were made in respect of the above.

5 REMUNERATION OF GOVERNORS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

No remuneration was paid to any of the Governors during the year. Two Governors (2022: one) were reimbursed £119 (2022: £12) for travelling expenses during the year.

Remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Aggregate remuneration	<u>501,134</u>	<u>452,106</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (continued)

6 TAXATION

The Company is registered with the Charity Commission as an educational Charity and is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

7 FIXED ASSETS

	<i>Freehold property</i>		<i>Furniture</i>	<i>Motor</i>	<i>Computer</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Land</i>	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>vehicles</i>	<i>equipment</i>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Foundation value/Cost						
At 1 September 2022	66,000	11,362,272	645,041	19,554	543,543	12,636,410
Additions	-	188,151	48,794	-	17,049	253,994
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,722)	(1,722)
At 31st August 2023	<u>66,000</u>	<u>11,550,423</u>	<u>693,835</u>	<u>19,554</u>	<u>558,870</u>	<u>12,888,682</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2022	-	1,459,144	488,518	16,946	503,040	2,467,648
Charge for the year	-	232,023	78,581	2,608	28,575	341,787
Released on disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,531)	(1,531)
At 31 August 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,691,167</u>	<u>567,099</u>	<u>19,554</u>	<u>503,084</u>	<u>2,807,904</u>
Net book value						
At 31 August 2023	<u>66,000</u>	<u>9,859,256</u>	<u>126,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,786</u>	<u>10,080,778</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>66,000</u>	<u>9,903,128</u>	<u>156,523</u>	<u>2,608</u>	<u>40,503</u>	<u>10,168,762</u>

A loan facility was granted on 3 August 2020 and are secured by a fixed charge over the school's freehold land and buildings. The carrying value of the assets charged was £9,925,256 at the balance sheet date. The loan facility was made available in an aggregate amount of £2,500,000. Amounts of £625,000, £625,000 and £1,250,000 were drawn down in August 2022 with interest payable at 2.70% fixed for 5 years, 2.76% fixed for 10 years and 2.77% fixed for 15 years respectively. Interest reverts to a floating rate after the fixed interest rate period. All amounts are repayable within 15 years from 1 August 2022. The £1,250,000 loan was repaid early in March 2023.

The Board considers that the current value of the freehold property is likely to be materially higher than the carrying value as shown in the accounts. However, without the benefit of a professional valuation the Board is not in a position to quantify the difference. The Board considers that the cost involved in obtaining a professional valuation out of charitable funds would not be of sufficient benefit to the School to warrant the expense.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (continued)

8 INVESTMENTS	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Unlisted investment at cost				
Homefield School Enterprises Ltd	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	
Total Investments		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>

Homefield School Enterprises Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited, which was incorporated on 30 April 2013. It has remained dormant to 31 August 2023.

9 DEBTORS	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees debtors	20,018	18,551
Other debtors	13,156	2,939
Prepayments	<u>40,298</u>	<u>53,096</u>
	<u>73,472</u>	<u>74,586</u>

10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	77,995	137,001
Fees received in advance	419,701	591,730
Taxes and social security costs	-	53,565
Accruals	76,477	148,619
Other creditors	<u>327,527</u>	<u>356,916</u>
	<u>901,700</u>	<u>1,287,831</u>

11 CREDITORS: Amounts falling after more than one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>1,096,154</u>	<u>2,347,999</u>
Amounts are repayable by instalments over the following periods:		
Within one year	77,995	137,001
Within two to five years	695,156	1,026,966
After five years	<u>400,998</u>	<u>1,321,033</u>
	<u>1,174,149</u>	<u>2,485,000</u>

Loan details are disclosed in note 7.

12 LEASING COMMITMENTS

Operating leases

The charitable company's total future minimum lease payments under operating leases at 31 August 2023 were payable as set out below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	28,317	19,680
Within two to five years	<u>39,031</u>	<u>32,802</u>
	<u>67,348</u>	<u>52,482</u>

The operating lease charges for the year were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Hire of plant and machinery	<u>21,839</u>	<u>21,555</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (continued)

13 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	Balances brought forward £	Income less expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balances carried forward £
2023					
Designated funds:					
Tangible fixed asset fund	10,168,762	-	(87,984)	-	10,080,778
General reserve	(694,846)	374,886	110,984	-	(208,976)
Total unrestricted funds	<u>9,473,916</u>	<u>374,886</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,871,802</u>
2022					
Designated funds:					
Tangible fixed asset fund	8,883,743	-	1,285,019	-	10,168,762
General reserve	75,139	515,034	(1,285,019)	-	(694,846)
Total unrestricted funds	<u>8,958,882</u>	<u>515,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,473,916</u>
14 RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balances carried forward £
2023					
Early Years Training Grant	2,229	-	-	-	2,229
Playground grant	-	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Homefield Association	-	18,000	-	(18,000)	-
School travel grant	1,217	-	-	-	1,217
Total restricted funds	<u>3,446</u>	<u>23,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,000)</u>	<u>3,446</u>
2022					
Early Years Training Grant	2,229	-	-	-	2,229
School travel grant	1,217	-	-	-	1,217
Total restricted funds	<u>3,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,446</u>

The Playground grant and the Homefield Association income were given to the School to purchase a new Adventure Playground during the year. The funds have been transferred to fixed assets.

The Early Years Training grant was awarded to enable the nursery staff to gain additional qualifications.

The School Travel Grant was given for the continuation of the School Travel Plan.

The restricted funds are represented by cash.

15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
2023			
Tangible fixed assets	10,080,778	-	10,080,778
Investments	2	-	2
Net current assets	887,176	3,446	890,622
Non-current liabilities	(1,096,154)	-	(1,096,154)
	<u>9,871,802</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>9,875,248</u>
2022			
Tangible fixed assets	10,168,762	-	10,168,762
Investments	2	-	2
Net current assets	1,653,151	3,446	1,656,597
Non-current liabilities	(2,347,999)	-	(2,347,999)
	<u>9,473,916</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>9,477,362</u>

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (continued)

16 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The School had capital commitments at the year end of £nil for construction work (2022: £363,323).

17 LIMITED LIABILITY

The Trust is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The number of members at 31 August 2023 was 9 (2022: 11) and their liability on liquidation is limited to £1 each.

18 STAFF PENSIONS

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £301,096 (2022: £304,896) and at the year-end £nil (2022: £nil) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied. The government announced on 4 February 2022 that it intends to proceed with a deferred choice underpin under which members will be able to choose either legacy or reformed scheme benefits in respect of their service during the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022 at the point they become payable.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July

18 STAFF PENSIONS (continued)

2021, and a consultation was launched on 24 June on proposed changes to the cost control mechanism following a review by the Government Actuary. The consultation closed to response on 19 August 2022 and the Government is currently analysing the responses.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

Until the cost cap mechanism review is completed it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

Other Schemes

The school also makes contributions to a defined contribution schemes for non-teaching staff. The assets of these are held separately to those of the School in independently administered funds. Contributions paid during the year were £60,061 (2022: £51,735). At the year end £nil (2022: £ nil) was accrued in respect of these schemes.

19 RESERVES POLICY

The Unrestricted Funds are expendable at the discretion of the Board in furtherance of the objects of the School. In part, such funds have already been expended in providing the buildings and other tangible fixed assets of the School. Such assets, by their nature, are not readily realisable.

Accordingly, the Unrestricted Funds are intended to cover:

- The written down value of the tangible fixed assets of the School less any direct financing; and
- At least one term's running costs.

The General Reserve balance is in deficit this financial year as the reserves have been used to fund the capital build. Future surpluses should bring the reserves back into a positive balance in the upcoming months.

At the year end the balance on total funds was £9,875,248 of which £9,871,802 were unrestricted funds and £3,446 were restricted funds.

Over and above this basic requirement, the Board recognises the need, whenever possible, to build up the Unrestricted Funds in order that the School is in a position to:

- Repair, replace or enlarge the fabric of the building, as the existing structure will not last forever and may not always meet the School's ongoing requirement for space; and
- Purchase new equipment to meet existing and evolving education and other learning needs.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (continued)

20 NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Net movement in funds		397,886		515,034
Depreciation	341,787		328,274	
Finance costs	-		(15,000)	
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	191		(6,967)	
Interest receivable	(5,442)		(172)	
Early loan repayment fee	(206,176)		-	
Interest payable	<u>49,990</u>		<u>10,338</u>	
		180,350		316,473
Decrease in stock	1,781		-	
Decrease in debtors	1,114		37,289	
Decrease/(increase) in creditors	<u>(380,363)</u>		<u>102,958</u>	
		<u>(377,468)</u>		<u>140,247</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities		<u>200,768</u>		<u>971,754</u>

21 GOVERNORS' INDEMNITY INSURANCE

As part of its overall insurance policy, the Company purchased Governors' liability insurance providing cover up to £2,000,000 in respect of claims arising from negligence, error or omission committed in good faith.

22 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the school paid third parties £nil for training of the Governors (2022: £270).

No Governors had children who attended the School during the year (2022: one Governor). Fees payable and any discounts were charged and awarded on the same basis as for other parents and staff.

Two members of KMP had children who attended the School during the year (2022: one). Fees payable and any discounts were charged and awarded on the same basis as for other parents and staff.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

REVENUE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
(for the information of the Governors only)

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Tuition fees	4,478,592		4,481,277	
Uniform shop sales	103		299	
Extra charges	104,486		88,090	
Meals	-		84,466	
		4,583,181		4,654,132
Other income				
Hall hiring revenue	6,800		3,988	
Donations	335		1,552	
Donations for restricted use (including from Homefield Association)	23,000		-	
Early loan repayment fee	206,176		-	
Sundry income	2,400		5,550	
		238,711		11,090
		4,821,892		4,665,222
<i>Deduct:</i> Expenditure (pages 25 & 26)		(4,429,448)		(4,150,360)
		392,444		514,862
<i>Add:</i> Interest receivable		5,442		172
Surplus for the year		<u>397,886</u>		<u>515,034</u>

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SCHEDULE TO THE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

(for the information of the Governors only)

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Administration and general				
Accountancy	4,372		4,663	
Payroll costs	7,370		7,791	
Advertising	58,950		35,398	
Audit fee	6,600		5,940	
Matron's school flowers	1,013		121	
Minibus repairs and other expenses	32,547		25,123	
Legal and professional charges	66,576		21,474	
Medical supplies	2,017		1,026	
Office staff salary	360,824		336,906	
Office staff pension	32,324		31,034	
Admin Agency staff	187		550	
Staff uniforms	1,108		561	
Printing & stationery inc photocopying	6,857		3,045	
Admin Equipment hire	486		4,921	
Postage	732		1,144	
Functions & promotional events	2,428		7,812	
Photographs	325		-	
Staff recruitment expenses	16,970		28,186	
Subscriptions and membership	26,164		20,363	
Telephone	6,815		6,706	
Tips/gifts	574		1,115	
Bank charges	8,484		276	
Bank loan interest	49,990		10,338	
Safeguarding costs	<u>4,081</u>		<u>2,498</u>	
		697,794		556,991
Educational				
Scholarships	11,116		13,818	
Bursaries	43,260		61,975	
Sports facility hire and equipment	17,847		21,083	
Examination fees	11,851		13,194	
External Assessments (PIPS/MIDIS)	11,971		-	
Music	1,721		1,048	
Drama	2,290		-	
Library books	406		1,028	
School books and teaching aids	30,388		15,665	
Computer software, manuals & accessories	30,447		27,707	
Website	10,476		4,644	
Computer maintenance	34,395		43,476	
School stationery inc photocopying	15,747		19,627	
Teaching staff salary	1,890,418		1,810,699	
Teaching staff pension	321,651		320,979	
Educational Agency staff	16,540		19,655	
Agency recruitment costs	54,794		2,910	
Prizes	5,791		3,578	
Courses for teachers/staff development	17,785		14,072	
School trips	13,860		19,064	
Educational staff welfare	7,715		4,824	
School Inspection	<u>3,440</u>		<u>3,090</u>	
		<u>2,553,909</u>		<u>2,422,136</u>

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SCHEDULE TO THE REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (for the information of the Governors only)

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Brought forward</i>		3,251,703		2,979,127
Establishment				
Depreciation of freehold buildings	232,023		223,046	
Depreciation of furniture and equipment	78,581		75,380	
Depreciation of minibuses	2,608		6,037	
Depreciation of computer equipment	28,575		23,811	
Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	191		(6,967)	
Ground subcontractor's costs	5,132		19,172	
Estate staff salary	164,643		134,592	
Estate staff pensions	7,182		4,618	
Insurance	46,126		51,828	
Light and heat	102,628		184,200	
Rates	25,754		22,557	
Water	10,089		5,821	
Refuse	(1,374)		8,946	
Repairs and renewals	54,311		57,819	
Service agreements	<u>48,466</u>		<u>32,140</u>	
		804,935		843,000
Housekeeping				
Cleaning and laundry	73,634		67,506	
Catering agreement	296,913		259,390	
Provisions	<u>251</u>		<u>1,142</u>	
		370,798		328,038
Uniform shop				
Opening Stock	1,781		1,781	
Purchases	231		195	
Closing stock	<u>-</u>		<u>(1,781)</u>	
		2,012		195
Total expenditure (page 24)		<u>4,429,448</u>		<u>4,150,360</u>

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SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Company Number: 00887719
Charity Number: 312753

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet
Chartered Accountants
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**HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors present their annual and strategic report for the year ended 31st August 2022, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charity's governing document and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited ("The School") is a charitable company registered in 1966, to run the school that was founded in 1870. The Charity registration number is 312753 and Company registration number is 00887719. The liability of its members is limited to £1 each by guarantee. The Company is Registered in England and Wales and its Registered Office and principal address are at Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE.

Directors and Board of Governors

The Directors of the Company, who are also the Charity Trustees and the School Governors, throughout the year and until the date of this report were:

Ms M Gardiner Boiling, MA (Cantab), Graduate LLB (Hons), DipABRSM (Chair)
Mrs M H Harris, BEd, MEd (Deputy Chair)
Mr A Ahmed, BSc (Hons), MBA
Mr C Akojie, BSc ACA
Dr G M Bamford, BSc (Hons), PhD, CPsychol, FPsychol, PGCE
Mrs J Crooke, BSc (Hons), ACMA
Dr I S Dhingra, BSc (Hons), PhD, MBA (*resigned 23 June 2022*)
Mr S Everest, OBE
Mrs J Whittingham BScEcon (Hons), MSc Fin
Dr A H Wilcox, MA, MSc, LLM, MBA, MRCP, FRCPath
Mrs Emma Rix BA (Hons), PGCE (*appointed 2 December 2021*)
Mrs Georgina Gillian LLB (Hons), MA Child Studies (*appointed 12 December 2021*)

Registered office Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE

Key Executives and Professional Advisors as at the date of signing of the Report

The Key Management Personnel are the Headmaster, Bursar and the Senior Management Team:

Headmaster: Mr J F Towers, BA (Hons), MA, PGCE, NPQH, FRSA

Bursar: Ms N Nwaejike, BAcc (Hons), FCA, Ass(CIPD)

The Senior Management Team (SMT) Mrs Lisa Crooks, B.Ed., M.A., N.P.Q.M.L. (Deputy Head Academic)
Mr Z Siva, BSc (Hons), PGCE (Deputy Head Pastoral)
Mrs Emma Field, B.A. (Hons.), Q.T.S. (Head of Junior Department)

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, 49 High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1DX

Auditors: Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet, 5 Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SW

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and by the provisions of the Trust Deed. These were replaced by a revised set of Articles of Association by passing a special resolution at an Extra-ordinary meeting, held at Homefield Preparatory School, on 27th July 2021.

Governing Body

The Board of Governors comprises a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 Governors. The Board of Governors appoints new Governors in light of specific criteria and the needs created by retirements. Governor appointments are based on the need for the Board as a whole to have the skills and experience to determine the policies of the School and to monitor the implementation of those policies. A Governor shall be appointed for a term of four years and may twice be re-elected to serve a further term of four years following each re-election.

Governor training

New Governors are inducted into the workings of the School, and also of the Company as a registered Charity, including Board Policy and Procedures. They receive guidance notes from a range of external services and sources including the Charity Commission, IAPS, AGBIS and ISBA. A Terms of Reference Document based on these collective guidelines has been adopted by the Board. The Governors each have their own areas of individual professional expertise and the Chair of Governors and the Clerk to the Governing Body identify and offer suitable training opportunities and courses. During the year several Governors attended courses and seminars. Pertinent information from such developmental sessions is circulated to all Governors.

Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the Company and to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. There are Governors' committees for 'Education and Welfare' and 'Finance and General Purposes'. These Committees meet at least once a term to consider a wide range of matters that have an impact on the School's development, operations, capital building programme and finance. Additional committees for 'Governance Oversight' and 'Bursary Oversight', meet as required. The minutes of committee meetings are produced for discussion at the Main Board meeting. Other committees can be set up from time to time for specific projects. The findings of these committees are briefed to the Main Board. Furthermore, the Chair of Governors meets weekly with the Headmaster and can be called upon at any time by the Headmaster, should the need arise. The day-to-day running of the School is delegated to the Headmaster who is supported by the remainder of the Senior Management Team (SMT).

The Headmaster oversees the recruitment of all educational staff whilst, under delegated authority, the Bursar oversees the recruitment of administrative and non-teaching support staff.

Key management personnel

The Governors consider that they, together with the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Heads and the Head of Lower School Department comprise the Key Management Personnel. The Governors give of their time freely and the pay and remuneration of the Headmaster and senior staff is set by the Governors and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting pay:

- nature of the role and responsibilities
- personal performance based on annual appraisals
- salaries in the region
- the sector average salary for comparable positions
- trends in pay

Key management personnel (continued)

In recent years, flexible pay across both state and private sector has affected the ease of recruitment to certain roles. We offer appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance in a fair and responsible manner but remain sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit the best qualified and experienced staff and provide scope to reward them for excellence. The Governors have, however, given delegated authority to the Headmaster to pay higher salaries for exceptional candidates where this is in the interest of the School.

Relationships

The School is a member of the IAPS, AGBIS, and ISBA for the promotion, maintenance and delivery of excellence in education to the age of 13. The School actively contributes to the local community in a number of different ways, as detailed below under Public Benefit.

Risk Management

The Key Management Personnel continually review the School's activities, with regard to any major risks that may arise and ways to manage them. Detailed considerations of risk are delegated to the Senior Management of the School. The key risks are reviewed at each of the Governing Body Main Boards.

The Governors consider the principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity and their plans and strategies for managing these risks to be:

- The continued legacy of COVID-19. The School recognises the significant wide reaching impacts affecting staff, pupils and contractors, School finances, parental finances, pupil numbers, and the provision of education. By ensuring adherence to Government legislation and guidance, appropriate budgeting and cost control measures and the provision of a strong online learning framework, the School continues to be able to ensure a fully function school operating in a safe and secure environment. In particular, we have academic and pastoral assessment systems in place to allow for timely and effective interventions to ensure pupils achievement remained strong.
- The new building programme is being conducted around a working school. Careful consideration has been given to ensure that the School is able to continue to safely and effectively operate whilst ensuring that the build programme runs to schedule and cost.
- Losing key members of staff. The Senior Management team is considered to be of particular value. Retention strategies and succession planning have been considered, as have notice and handover periods, as well as a strengthened middle management, to help alleviate any issues.
- Affordability and the School's position within the sector. The School's success at 11+, at Common Entrance and 13+ is built on its reputation for the education and well-being of our pupils. This risk is managed by constant communication with Senior Schools and parental meetings, as well as marketing our standards and the wider school experience that the pupils gain through to leaving at age 13. Homefield Preparatory School is currently the only preparatory school within the local vicinity that has chosen to remain a 13+ school. Wider affordability is managed through assiduous financial control and also regular, wider analysis of schools fees levels across the geography.

Through the risk management processes established for the School, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

STRATEGIC REPORT

Objectives

The Objects of the Company, in accordance with its Articles of Association and the Charity's governing document, allow for the education of boys up to the age of 13 years.

Strategic Aim and Intended Effect

At Homefield we aim to provide a safe and happy environment, with a real depth of specialist teaching, to enable academic success. We invest in an ambitious curriculum for all our boys. This goes beyond English, maths and the sciences. Quality and vitality inform the humanities, the arts and sport. This breadth and depth ensures a wider fulfilment of our boys' individual potential, in 'hand, head and heart'.

We seek to develop deeper study skills and aptitudes toward learning, such as research or collaboration, in order to inspire independent thinkers who work well with others and are eager for challenge. Well-being within our community sets us on this caring path.

We aspire to be a truly cosmopolitan school, with a rich diversity both, reflecting and supporting our place as a charity within the wider community of London. We aim for a generous education of knowledge and skill, but also ethical character so that our boys not only 'do well' but 'do good'. With roots in the nineteenth Century, our mission embraces the 21st where well-being and civic virtue are key to our school's character and success.

Objectives for the year

The Board's main objective continued to be to educate all the School's pupils to achieve their maximum individual potential in all of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities offered throughout the School. Our strategy for achieving this was and is to maintain a commitment to the delivery of best practice, exemplified by a strong teacher-to-pupil ratio and by seeking to meet the individual needs of all pupils.

Principal Activity

The School's principal activity continues to be that of running a preparatory school for boys.

Volunteers

The School is grateful to those parents who assist by accompanying pupils on various school trips throughout the year on a voluntary basis. Members of the Board and members of the Homefield Association devote their time for the benefit of the School on a totally voluntary basis.

Homefield Preparatory School also benefits from the generosity of the Homefield Association and from parents, for their contribution to the success of the School.

Public benefit

The Governors are mindful of the long-standing need to provide public benefit and of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and, in setting the School aims and objectives and planning the School's activities, the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The School includes, within its objectives, the delivery of excellence in education for boys between the ages of 4 and 13 to prepare them for their further studies and for life in the world beyond school. The Governors ensure this charitable purpose is carried out for the public benefit by working to ensure, wherever possible, that the opportunity for a first class education is available to all who are sufficiently talented and would benefit from being part of the School.

Public benefit (continued)

The Governors recognise the financial commitment made by parents. For those who are unable to pay the full costs, the Governors view bursary awards as important in helping to ensure children from families who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees can access the education we offer. The School welcomes means-tested bursary applications. Under the school's bursary policy, all applications for financial support are considered, based on personal and means-tested circumstances. In assessing suitability, the child should meet the school's normal entry requirements, where attention is given to both their academic progress and their potential. With limited funds, bursary support is offered to those considered likely to make academic progress and to benefit from participating in the school's wider, extra-curricular activities. All bursary applications are assessed by the Headmaster and Bursar with overview from at least two Governors. Hardship monies are allocated on a short term basis giving priority to the continuity of education of those pupils already at the School and at key stages of their educational journey. All criteria and policies relating to concessions are kept under review and are updated when necessary. The Governors recognise the need to continually provide for bursaries and to allocate bursary funds.

The School supports a number of pupils through the Bursary Scheme although there is no specific endowment for this purpose. During the year ended 31 August 2022, a total of £61,975 (2021: £67,725), was spent on providing bursarial support for eight pupils. This included two 'Looked After Children' (LAC) on full bursaries covering all fees and costs, who came from the partnership that Homefield has developed with Sutton Virtual School. Sutton Virtual School acts as a local authority champion to promote the progress and educational attainment of Looked After Children. Furthermore, the school extended its charitable aims in this area through partnership with Harrow Senior School and Sutton Virtual School to provide one-to-one tuition for nine additional LACs using the 'Lumina' online learning platform. Nine of our qualified teachers provided weekly support, pro bono, to resource this successful project. We will extend this charitable work into the next academic year.

During the year the School will normally provide scholarships, grants, prizes and other awards from both restricted funds and unrestricted funds - the former being subject to the particular conditions made by the original donor. In common with other Independent Schools, Homefield Preparatory School makes these awards based on the educational potential of the pupil or evidence of exceptional abilities which will contribute to our co-curricular activities. During this year, the school started four new internal scholarships, one for each of the four school houses. The total of all types of scholarships provide during the year was £13,818 (2021: £13,000).

As part of our emphasis on attracting and retaining high calibre staff, we offer a fee remission scheme for members of staff choosing to educate their children at the School.

A total of £1,774 (2021: £1,726) was also raised in the year to support a variety of charities. Those charities included The Children's Trust, Comic Relief, Jeans for Genes, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Royal British Legion. A number of these were chosen by the pupils and a large donation of appropriate food stuffs was made to Sutton food bank by parents and pupils of the school, again this year.

The school has continued its significant charitable outreach to other schools in the last year. Over 4000 education professionals have downloaded the toolkit we designed, in partnership with Sutton Local Authority (LA), to encourage the inclusion of children in care within independent settings. The Headmaster provided a keynote speech at Independent Association of Prep Schools Heads Conference in September 2022.

Public benefit (continued)

The School continues to attach great importance to its contribution to the wider community. The Governors confirm that they have complied with the duty to provide public benefit as laid down in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011; in particular, they have given due regard to the revised General Guidance issued by the Charity Commission in September 2013. A number of the Senior Management Team volunteer their time to either other charitable organisations, local community groups or sport clubs: The Headmaster is a Trustee of the Royal Society of Arts, the previous Bursar was a member of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers Homes Committee, and one of the Deputy Heads is a member of the Roehampton University SMB, which is used to offer feedback and develop Teacher training programmes, school placements and Mentor/Mentee systems. The Headmaster continued to lend his qualified executive coaching skills to charitable endeavour organised by 'Love Your Coaching' and supported by the Independent Schools Council to provide pro-bono coaching for head teachers.

Homefield Preparatory School continues to donate a large number of surplus school items to a school in Malawi, run by the charity 'Hope4Malawi', and raise money for "Bader", the 31st guide dog to be funded by the School.

Operational performance of the School

The Board is pleased to report the achievement of its pupils in attaining their highest potential as measured by value added criteria; examination results and their successful graduation to their preferred senior school. As with previous years, the 2021-22 academic year was again an extremely successful one.

The School achieved a precedent this year. For the first time, it was awarded "Excellent" by the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) for both overall pastoral and academic achievement. The School was also shortlisted by the Times Educational supplement in its Independent School of the Year Award for the quality of our wellbeing provision.

The CATS scores for the boys in Year 6 and Year 8 showed that the majority were at or above the national standards. Year 8 pupils had a 100% pass rate at Common Entrance and obtained places for their chosen senior schools. 53% scored A* and A, 73% scored A* and B in Common Entrance. In all, 19 Scholarship awards were offered to Year 6 and Year 8 pupils by highly-respected senior schools. 32 places were offered at local Grammar Schools.

The School also performs at a highly developed level in sport, music and art. Homefield boys have competed at local and county levels over a variety of different sports. In music, boys have performed in National competitions and have showcased the talent within the department with participation in numerous senior school orchestral and choral days.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The net income for the year amounted to £515,034 (2021: £348,825).

Reserves

The Board has established a general reserve policy to afford some protection to the School and its charitable programme and to provide time to adjust to changing financial circumstances. This is detailed in Note 19.

Investment powers and policy

The investment powers and policy are governed by the Articles of Association, which permit surplus funds to be invested in any investments, security or property as may be thought fit and as may be prescribed by law.

The School's investment objective is to maximise the return on its investment funds while maintaining maximum security and a high degree of liquidity. To meet this objective, the School invests any surplus funds in call deposits with a high security rating and either fixed interest rates or with a fixed relationship to base rate.

Fundraising

In line with the reporting requirements included in the Charities Act 2016 the Governors are pleased to confirm that all fundraising is done in compliance with best fundraising practice. All fundraising activities follow traditional methods such as cake sales and "mufti days". During the year 2021-2022, we did not employ any professional fundraisers. There were no complaints or criticisms during the year about our fundraising activities.

FUTURE PLANS

The number of pupils on roll at the School increased over the year by at least 10% by the end of the summer term, which reflects confidence in the School despite the uncertainties of COVID-19. We also have a buoyant Year 7 and 8 despite the strong draw of local grammar schools and Senior Schools opening up 11+ and 10+ entry routes. The School's Strategic Development Plan was agreed by the Governors in December 2018 and is subject to an annual review by the Governors. The Board continues to strategically plan for the future through a programme of development and investment to:

- provide a stimulating learning environment in which pupils can develop their academic potential to the full;
- ensure the teaching facilities for our pupils are of a high quality;
- provide a happy and secure pastoral environment, in which all pupils are offered opportunities for leadership and service to others;
- offer all pupils the opportunities of experiencing a broad range of intellectual, cultural, sporting and wider-community influences;
- increase the capability of the School to offer education to children whose parents are unable to afford full fees, particularly Children Looked After;
- support members of staff, particularly middle managers, with opportunities to develop of their skills and careers;
- ensure that the School plays a significant part in the life of the local community, sharing facilities and seeking local partnerships wherever possible.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governors (who are also Charitable Trustees and Directors of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited 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 Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments 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 its operations.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 of fraud and other irregularities. The Governors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

AUDITORS

A resolution proposing the reappointment of Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet as auditors will be put to the Governors at a Main Board meeting.

Disclosure on information to auditors

To the knowledge and belief of the Board, there is no relevant information that the Company's auditors are not aware of, and the F and GP Committee and School executive have taken all the steps necessary to ensure the Board is aware of any relevant information, and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of the information.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board record its thanks for the continued excellence in pastoral, academic and administrative standards delivered by all the staff. Mr Hutchings and Mr Uddin have retired as Governors since the last report. The Governors wish to thank them for their dedicated service to Homefield Preparatory School.

Approved by the Board of Governors on 7 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms M Gardiner Boiling
Chairman

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, 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 2022 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Governors' 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 Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Governors 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 Governors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Governors' Report, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Governors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included with the governors' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement, the governors (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 governors are responsible for assessing the charity'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 governors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 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.

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:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (continued)

We determined that the principal risks were related to management bias in accounting estimates, presentation of separately disclosed items and management override of controls. In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to challenging significant accounting estimates, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, evaluating the internal controls, reviewing trustees' minutes and identifying and testing journal entries.

There are inherent limitations in the 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. 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 for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:
<http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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.



Miriam Hickson FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

5 Robin Hood Lane
Sutton
Surrey
SM1 2SW

Dated: 19/12/2022

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the Income and Expenditure Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	2022			2021		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income from:							
<i>Donations</i>		1,552	-	1,552	4,359	1,235	5,594
<i>Other trading activities</i>							
School shop		299	-	299	206	-	206
<i>Investments</i>		172	-	172	6,735	-	6,735
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Fees receivable		4,481,277	-	4,481,277	3,801,530	-	3,801,530
Extras chargeable		172,556	-	172,556	226,041	-	226,041
<i>Other income</i>							
Insurance claim		-	-	-	100,000	-	100,000
Sundry income		9,538	-	9,538	4,162	-	4,162
CJRS grant		-	-	-	33,730	-	33,730
Total income		<u>4,665,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,665,394</u>	<u>4,176,763</u>	<u>1,235</u>	<u>4,177,998</u>
Expenditure on:							
<i>Raising funds</i>							
Cost of goods sold		195	-	195	-	-	-
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
School operating costs		<u>4,150,165</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,150,165</u>	<u>3,826,271</u>	<u>2,902</u>	<u>3,829,173</u>
Total expenditure	2	<u>4,150,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,150,360</u>	<u>3,826,271</u>	<u>2,902</u>	<u>3,829,173</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	3	515,034	-	515,034	350,492	(1,667)	348,825
Transfers between funds	13,14	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		515,034	-	515,034	350,492	(1,667)	348,825
Reconciliation of funds							
At 1 st September 2021		<u>8,958,882</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>8,962,328</u>	<u>8,608,390</u>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>8,613,503</u>
Balance carried forward							
At 31 st August 2022		<u>9,473,916</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>9,477,362</u>	<u>8,958,882</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>8,962,328</u>

All recognised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities and no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains or Losses is presented.

There were no discontinued or acquired activities during the current or preceding year.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

Company Registration: 00887719

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	7		10,168,762		8,883,743	
Investments	8		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	
			10,168,764		8,883,745	
Current assets						
Stocks		1,781		1,781		
Debtors and prepayments	9	74,586		111,875		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,868,061</u>		<u>908,866</u>		
		2,944,428		1,022,522		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,287,831)		(943,939)		
Net current assets			<u>1,656,597</u>		<u>78,583</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities			11,825,361		8,962,328	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(2,347,999)		(_____ -)	
Net assets			<u>9,477,362</u>		<u>8,962,328</u>	
Unrestricted funds	13		9,473,916		8,958,882	
Restricted funds	14		<u>3,446</u>		<u>3,446</u>	
Total Charity funds			<u>9,477,362</u>		<u>8,962,328</u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Governors on 7 December 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Ms M Gardiner Boiling

Mrs J Croke

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HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	20		971,754		766,108
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest received		172		6,735	
Interest payable		(10,338)		-	
			(10,166)		6,735
Capital expenditure					
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(1,519,993)		(3,028,489)	
Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		17,600		1,280	
			(1,502,393)		(3,027,209)
Financing activities					
Proceeds of new bank loans		2,939,000		-	
Repayment of bank loans		(439,000)		-	
			2,500,000		-
Increase/(decrease) in cash			<u>1,959,195</u>		<u>(2,254,366)</u>

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS

	2022	2021
	£	£
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year	<u>1,959,195</u>	<u>(2,254,366)</u>
Movement in net funds	1,959,195	(2,254,366)
Net funds brought forward	<u>908,866</u>	<u>3,163,232</u>
Net funds carried forward	<u>2,868,061</u>	<u>908,866</u>

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	Brought forward	Cashflows	Carried forward
	£	£	£
Cash at bank	908,866	1,959,195	2,868,061
Bank loans	-	(2,500,000)	(2,500,000)
	<u>908,866</u>	<u>(540,805)</u>	<u>368,061</u>

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE. The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(a) **Basis of accounting**

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 financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £. Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) **Fixed assets**

Depreciation has been charged on a straight line basis to reduce the cost of fixed assets to estimated realisable/residual value over their useful lives. The rates charged are:

School buildings – 2 - 5% (from the date brought into use)
School buildings (to be demolished) – Over 2 and 3 years
Furniture and equipment – 25%
Motor vehicles – 20%
Computer equipment – 33.3%

No depreciation has been provided on land.

(c) **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, and comprise goods for resale.

(d) **Income**

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

(e) **Fees receivable, extras chargeable and interest receivable**

These are all accounted for on a receivable basis. Fees received for education to be provided in future years are carried forward as deferred income.

(f) **COVID Job Retention Scheme government grant income**

For CJRS grant income, the income is recognised in the period to which the underlying furloughed staff costs relate to.

(g) **Gains/(losses) on investments**

Both realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

(h) **Expenditure**

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

(i) **Charitable expenditure**

This comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Charity, and the related support costs, including governance costs, which comprise all the expenditure on the management and the administration of the Charity, including an appropriate portion of the Headmaster's and Bursar's time.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022 (continued)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(j) **Pension costs**

The School makes pension contributions for teaching staff through the scheme operated by the Teachers' Pension Agency. Contributions are made to personal pension plans for other staff at the discretion of the Board. All costs are charged to the statement of financial activities in the period in which they are incurred.

(k) **Operating leases**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all benefits and the risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the lease.

(l) **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, on the basis that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

(m) **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 company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

(n) **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.

(o) **Debtors**

Fees and extras receivable and accrued income are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(p) **Creditors and provisions**

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

(q) **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and 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.

2 EXPENDITURE ON:

	School operating costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Administration and general	523,897	33,094	556,991	479,574
Educational	2,395,952	26,184	2,422,136	2,443,471
Establishment	514,726	-	514,726	282,162
Housekeeping	328,038	-	328,038	253,873
School shop	195	-	195	-
Depreciation	<u>328,274</u>	-	<u>328,274</u>	<u>370,093</u>
	<u>4,091,082</u>	<u>59,278</u>	<u>4,150,360</u>	<u>3,829,173</u>

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022 (continued)

3	NET INCOME	2022	2021
		£	£
	This is stated after charging:		
	Auditors' remuneration – statutory audit	5,940	5,580
	– termly and annual accounts	4,663	5,011
	– payroll services	7,791	7,834
	Depreciation	<u>328,274</u>	<u>370,093</u>

4	STAFF COSTS	2022	2021
		£	£
	Staff costs during the year amounted to:		
	Wages and salaries	2,061,280	2,094,177
	Social security costs	220,917	212,073
	Pension costs (see Note 18)	<u>356,631</u>	<u>374,366</u>
		<u>2,638,828</u>	<u>2,680,616</u>

	The average number of employees during the year was as follows:	2022	2021
		No	No
	Teaching	44	44
	Estates	7	8
	Administration	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>
		<u>60</u>	<u>61</u>

The number of employees whose emoluments amounted to over £60,000 in the year were as follows:

	2022	2021
	No	No
£60,001 - £70,000	2	2
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
£120,001 - £130,000	1	-
£130,001 - £140,000	-	1

Termination payments for the amount of £nil (2021: £9,158) were made during the accounting period and are included in the staff costs above. These are recognised when legal agreement is reached.

5 REMUNERATION OF GOVERNORS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

No remuneration was paid to any of the Governors during the year. 1 Governor (2021: nil) was reimbursed £12 (2021: nil) for travelling expenses during the year.

Remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Aggregate remuneration	<u>452,106</u>	<u>538,390</u>

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022 (continued)

6 TAXATION

The Company is registered with the Charity Commissioners as an educational Charity and is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

7 FIXED ASSETS

	<i>Freehold property</i>		<i>Furniture</i>	<i>Motor</i>	<i>Computer</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Land</i>	<i>Buildings</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>vehicles</i>	<i>equipment</i>	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Foundation value/Cost						
At 1 September 2021	66,000	10,237,680	546,014	83,354	511,039	11,444,087
Additions	-	1,492,395	99,027	-	32,504	1,623,926
Disposals	-	(367,803)	-	(63,800)	-	(431,603)
At 31st August 2022	<u>66,000</u>	<u>11,362,272</u>	<u>645,041</u>	<u>19,554</u>	<u>543,543</u>	<u>12,636,410</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2021	-	1,603,901	413,138	64,076	479,229	2,560,344
Charge for the year	-	223,046	75,380	6,037	23,811	328,274
Released on disposals	-	(367,803)	-	(53,167)	-	(420,970)
At 31 August 2022	-	<u>1,459,144</u>	<u>488,518</u>	<u>16,946</u>	<u>503,040</u>	<u>2,467,648</u>
Net book value						
At 31 August 2022	<u>66,000</u>	<u>9,903,128</u>	<u>156,523</u>	<u>2,608</u>	<u>40,503</u>	<u>10,168,762</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>66,000</u>	<u>8,633,779</u>	<u>132,876</u>	<u>19,278</u>	<u>31,810</u>	<u>8,883,743</u>

The building development is an Asset in the Course of Construction, which is included within Freehold Buildings. Costs brought forward were £5,891,331 and additions in the year were £1,492,395, resulting in a cost carried forward of £7,383,726. Phase 1 and 2 came into use during spring term 2022 therefore depreciation has been charged on these components totalling £76,024. Net book value of the asset carried forward was £7,307,702.

A loan facility and overdraft facility were granted on 3 August 2020 and are secured by a fixed charge over the school's freehold land and buildings. The carrying value of the assets charged was £9,969,128 at the balance sheet date. The loan facility was made available in an aggregate amount of £2,500,000. Amounts of £625,000, £625,000 and £1,250,000 were drawn down in August 2022 with interest payable at 2.70% fixed for 5 years, 2.76% fixed for 10 years and 2.77% fixed for 15 years respectively. Interest reverts to a floating rate after the fixed interest rate period. All amounts are repayable within 15 years from 1 August 2022. The overdraft facility was made available in an aggregate amount of £1,500,000 with interest payable at 2.35% above base rate.

The Board considers that the current value of the freehold property is likely to be materially higher than the carrying value as shown in the accounts. However, without the benefit of a professional valuation the Board is not in a position to quantify the difference. The Board considers that the cost involved in obtaining a professional valuation out of charitable funds would not be of sufficient benefit to the School to warrant the expense.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022 (continued)

8	INVESTMENTS	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
	Unlisted investment at cost				
	Homefield School Enterprises Ltd	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	
	Total Investments		<u><u>2</u></u>		<u><u>2</u></u>

Homefield School Enterprises Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited, which was incorporated on 30 April 2013. The initial accounting period for Homefield School Enterprises was from incorporation to 31 August 2014. It has remained dormant to 31 August 2022.

9	DEBTORS	2022		2021	
		£		£	
	Fees debtors		18,551		35,372
	Other debtors		2,939		4,162
	Prepayments		<u>53,096</u>		<u>72,341</u>
			<u><u>74,586</u></u>		<u><u>111,875</u></u>
10	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2022		2021	
		£		£	
	Bank loans		137,001		-
	Fees received in advance		591,730		464,491
	Taxes and social security costs		53,565		51,338
	Accruals		148,619		231,832
	Other creditors		<u>356,916</u>		<u>196,278</u>
			<u><u>1,287,831</u></u>		<u><u>943,939</u></u>
11	CREDITORS: Amounts falling after more than one year	2022		2021	
		£		£	
	Bank loans		<u>2,347,999</u>		<u>-</u>
	Amounts repayable by instalments after five years		<u>1,321,033</u>		<u>-</u>

Loan details are disclosed in note 7.

12 LEASING COMMITMENTS

Operating leases

The charitable company's total future minimum lease payments under operating leases at 31 August 2022 were payable as set out below:

	2022	2021
	£	
Within one year	19,680	24,992
Within two to five years	<u>32,802</u>	<u>52,483</u>
	<u><u>52,482</u></u>	<u><u>77,475</u></u>

The operating lease charges for the year were:

	2022	2021
	£	
Hire of plant and machinery	<u>21,555</u>	<u>21,555</u>

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022 (continued)

13 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	Balances brought forward £	Income less expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balances carried forward £
2022					
Designated funds:					
Tangible fixed asset fund	8,883,743	-	1,285,019	-	10,168,762
General reserve	<u>75,139</u>	<u>515,034</u>	<u>(1,285,019)</u>	-	<u>(694,846)</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>8,958,882</u>	<u>515,034</u>	-	-	<u>9,473,916</u>
2021					
Designated funds:					
Tangible fixed asset fund	6,027,910	-	2,855,833	-	8,883,743
General reserve	<u>2,580,480</u>	<u>350,492</u>	<u>(2,855,833)</u>	-	<u>75,139</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>8,608,390</u>	<u>350,492</u>	-	-	<u>8,958,882</u>
14 RESTRICTED FUNDS	Balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balances carried forward £
2022					
Early Years Training Grant	2,229	-	-	-	2,229
School travel grant	<u>1,217</u>	-	-	-	<u>1,217</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>3,446</u>	-	-	-	<u>3,446</u>
2021					
Awards	180	-	(180)	-	-
Early Years Training Grant	2,229	-	-	-	2,229
School travel grant	1,369	-	(152)	-	1,217
Early Years Department	350	-	(350)	-	-
Department Equipment	985	-	(985)	-	-
Homefield Association	-	<u>1,235</u>	<u>(1,235)</u>	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>5,113</u>	<u>1,235</u>	<u>(2,902)</u>	-	<u>3,446</u>

The Early Years Training grant was awarded to enable the nursery staff to gain additional qualifications. The School Travel Grant was given for the continuation of the School Travel Plan. The restricted funds are represented by cash.

15 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
2022			
Tangible fixed assets	10,168,762	-	10,168,762
Investments	2	-	2
Net current assets	1,653,151	3,446	1,656,597
Non-current liabilities	<u>(2,347,999)</u>	-	<u>(2,347,999)</u>
	<u>9,473,916</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>9,477,362</u>
2021			
Tangible fixed assets	8,883,743	-	8,883,743
Investments	2	-	2
Net current assets	<u>75,137</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>78,583</u>
	<u>8,958,882</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>8,962,328</u>

16 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The School had capital commitments at the year end of ££363,323 for construction work (2021: £1,757,035).

17 LIMITED LIABILITY

The Trust is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The number of members at 31 August 2022 was 11 (2021: 10) and their liability on liquidation is limited to £1 each.

18 STAFF PENSIONS

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £304,896 (2021: £318,336) and at the year-end £nil (2021: £nil) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied. The government announced on 4 February 2022 that it intends to proceed with a deferred choice underpin under which members will be able to choose either legacy or reformed scheme benefits in respect of their service during the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022 at the point they become payable.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July

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18 STAFF PENSIONS (continued)

2021, and a consultation was launched on 24 June on proposed changes to the cost control mechanism following a review by the Government Actuary. The consultation closed to response on 19 August 2022 and the Government is currently analysing the responses.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

Until the cost cap mechanism review is completed it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

Other Schemes

The school also makes contributions to a defined contribution schemes for non-teaching staff. The assets of these are held separately to those of the School in independently administered funds. Contributions paid during the year were £51,735 (2021: £56,030). At the year end £nil (2021: £496) was accrued in respect of these schemes.

19 RESERVES POLICY

The Unrestricted Funds are expendable at the discretion of the Board in furtherance of the objects of the School. In part, such funds have already been expended in providing the buildings and other tangible fixed assets of the School. Such assets, by their nature, are not readily realisable.

Accordingly, the Unrestricted Funds are intended to cover:

- The written down value of the tangible fixed assets of the School less any direct financing; and
- At least one term's running costs.

The General Reserve balance is in deficit this financial year as the reserves have been used to fund the capital build. Future surpluses should bring the reserves back into a positive balance in the upcoming months.

At the year end the balance on total funds was £9,477,362 of which £9,473,916 were unrestricted funds and £3,446 were restricted funds.

Over and above this basic requirement, the Board recognises the need, whenever possible, to build up the Unrestricted Funds in order that the School is in a position to:

- Repair, replace or enlarge the fabric of the building, as the existing structure will not last forever and may not always meet the School's ongoing requirement for space; and
- Purchase new equipment to meet existing and evolving education and other learning needs.

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20 NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Net movement in funds		515,034		348,825
Depreciation	328,274		370,093	
Finance costs	(15,000)		-	
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(6,967)		(1,026)	
Interest receivable	(172)		(6,735)	
Interest payable	<u>10,338</u>		<u>-</u>	
		316,473		362,332
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	37,289		(581)	
Increase in creditors	<u>102,958</u>		<u>55,532</u>	
		<u>140,247</u>		<u>54,951</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities		<u>971,754</u>		<u>766,108</u>

21 GOVERNORS' INDEMNITY INSURANCE

As part of its overall insurance policy, the Company purchased Governors' liability insurance providing cover up to £2,000,000 in respect of claims arising from negligence, error or omission committed in good faith.

22 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mr A Ahmed, until July 2022, was a parent of a pupil that attended the School for whom fees were payable to the school. Fees payable and any discounts were charged and awarded on the same basis as for other parents and staff.

Mrs B Harper, the wife of Mr A Harper (Bursar to 8 April 2022), received £16,596 (2021: £23,981) during this period for work as a Welfare Assistant.

During the year the school paid third parties £270 for training of the Governors (2021: £40).

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Company Number: 00887719
Charity Number: 312753

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet
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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS

The Board of Governors present their annual and strategic report for the year ended 31st August 2021, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charity's governing document and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited ("The School") is a charitable company registered in 1966, to run the school that was founded in 1870. The Charity registration number is 312753 and Company registration number is 00887719. The liability of its members is limited to £1 each by guarantee. The Company is Registered in England and Wales and its Registered Office and principal address are at Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE.

Directors and Board of Governors

The Directors of the Company, who are also the Charity Trustees and the School Governors, throughout the year and until the date of this report were:

Dr I S Dhingra, BSc (Hons), PhD, MBA (Chair)
Mrs M H Harris, BEd, MEd (Deputy Chair)
Mr A Ahmed, BSc (Hons), MBA
Mr C Akojie, BSc, ACA
Dr G M Bamford, BSc (Hons), PhD, CPsychol, FPsychol, PGCE
Mrs J Crooke BSc (Hons), ACMA
Mr S Everest, MBE
Ms M Gardiner, MA (Cantab), Graduate LLB (Hons), DipABRSM
Mr D Hutchings, ACA (Retired 9 March 2021)
Mr M Uddin, (Retired 20 February 2021)
Mrs J Whittingham, BScEcon (Hons), MSc Fin
Dr A H Wilcox, MA, MSc, LLM, MBA, MRCP, FRCPath

Registered office Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE

Key Executives and Professional Advisors as at the date of signing of the Report

The Key Management Personnel are the Headmaster, Bursar and the Senior Management Team:

Headmaster: Mr J F Towers, BA (Hons), MA, PGCE, NPQH, FRSA

Bursar: Mr R A Harper, BSc (Hons), MSc, FCMI, MCGI, MAPM, QTS

The Senior Management Team (SMT)
Mr M Frost, BA (Hons), MA, PGCE (Senior Deputy Head Academic)
Mr Z Siva, BSc (Hons), PGCE (Deputy Head Pastoral)
Mrs J Gunningham, BEd (Hons) (Head of Junior Department) (Retired 31 August 2021)
Mrs L Crook, BEd., MA, NPQML (Head of Head of Lower School Department) (Appointed 1 September 2021)

Bankers: Lloyds Bank plc, 49 High Street, Sutton, Surrey SM1 1DX

Auditors: Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet, 5 Robin Hood Lane, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2SW

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and by the provisions of the Trust Deed. These were replaced by a revised set of Articles of Association by passing a special resolution at an Extra-ordinary meeting, held at Homefield Preparatory School, on 27th July 2021.

Governing Body

The Board of Governors comprises a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 Governors. The Board of Governors appoints new Governors in light of specific criteria and the needs created by retirements. Governor appointments are based on the need for the Board as a whole to have the skills and experience to determine the policies of the School and to monitor the implementation of those policies. A Governors shall be appointed for a term of four years and may twice be re - elected to serve a further term of four years following each re-election.

Governor training

New Governors are inducted into the workings of the School, and also of the Company as a registered Charity, including Board Policy and Procedures. They receive guidance notes from a range of external services and sources including the Charity Commission, IAPS, AGBIS and ISBA. A Terms of Reference Document based on these collective guidelines has been adopted by the Board. The Governors each have their own areas of individual professional expertise and the Chair of Governors and the Clerk to the Governing Body identify and offer suitable training opportunities and courses. During the year several Governors attended courses and seminars. Pertinent information from such developmental sessions is circulated to all Governors.

Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the Company and to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. There are Governors' committees for 'Education and Welfare' and 'Finance and General Purposes'. These Committees meet at least once a term to consider a wide range of matters that have an impact on the School's development, operations, capital building programme and finance. Additional committees for 'Governance Oversight' and 'Bursary Oversight', meet as required. The minutes of committee meetings are produced for discussion at the Main Board meeting. Other committees can be set up from time to time for specific projects. The findings of these committees are briefed to the Main Board. Furthermore, the Chair of Governors meets weekly with the Headmaster and can be called upon at any time by the Headmaster, should the need arise. The day-to-day running of the School is delegated to the Headmaster who is supported by the remainder of the Senior Management Team (SMT).

The Headmaster oversees the recruitment of all educational staff whilst, under delegated authority, the Bursar oversees the recruitment of administrative and non-teaching support staff.

Key management personnel

The Governors consider that they, together with the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Heads and the Head of Lower School Department comprise the Key Management Personnel. The Governors give of their time freely and the pay and remuneration of the Headmaster and senior staff is set by the Governors and is kept under annual review. A number of criteria are used in setting pay:

- nature of the role and responsibilities
- personal performance based on annual appraisals
- salaries in the region
- the sector average salary for comparable positions
- trends in pay

Key management personnel (continued)

In recent years, flexible pay across both state and private sector has affected the ease of recruitment to certain roles. We offer appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance in a fair and responsible manner but remain sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit the best qualified and experienced staff and provide scope to reward them for excellence. The Governors have, however, given delegated authority to the Headmaster to pay higher salaries for exceptional candidates where this is in the interest of the School.

Relationships

The School is a member of the IAPS, AGBIS, and ISBA for the promotion, maintenance and delivery of excellence in education to the age of 13. The School actively contributes to the local community in a number of different ways, as detailed below under Public Benefit.

Risk Management

The Key Management Personnel continually review the School's activities, with regard to any major risks that may arise and ways to manage them. Detailed considerations of risk are delegated to the Senior Management of the School. The key risks are reviewed at each of the Governing Body Main Boards.

The Governors consider the principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity and their plans and strategies for managing these risks to be:

- The continued effects of COVID-19. The School recognises the significant wide reaching impacts affecting safety of staff, pupils and contractors, School finances, parental finances, pupil numbers, and the provision of education. By ensuring adherence to Government legislation and guidance, appropriate budgeting and cost control measures and the provision of a strong online learning framework, the School continues to be able to ensure a fully function school operating in a safe and secure environment.
- The new building programme is being conducted around a working school. Careful consideration has been given to ensure that the School is able to continue to safely and effectively operate whilst ensuring that the build programme runs to schedule and cost.
- Losing key members of staff. The Senior Management team is considered to be of particular value. Retention strategies and succession planning have been considered, as have notice and handover periods, as well as a strengthened middle management, to help alleviate any issues.
- Affordability and the School's position within the sector. The School's success at 11+, at Common Entrance and 13+ is built on its reputation for the education and well-being of our pupils. This risk is managed by constant communication with Senior Schools and parental meetings, as well as marketing our standards and the wider school experience that the pupils gain through to leaving at age 13. Homefield Preparatory School is currently the only preparatory school within the local vicinity that has chosen to remain a 13+ school. Wider affordability is managed through assiduous financial control and also regular, wider analysis of schools fees levels across the geography.

Through the risk management processes established for the School, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Objectives

The Objects of the Company, in accordance with its Articles of Association and the Charity's governing document, allow for the education of boys up to the age of 13 years.

Strategic Aim and Intended Effect

At Homefield we aim to provide a safe and happy environment, with a real depth of specialist teaching, to enable academic success. We invest in an ambitious curriculum for all our boys. This goes beyond English, maths and the sciences. Quality and vitality inform the humanities, the arts and sport. This breadth and depth ensures a wider fulfilment of our boys' individual potential, in 'hand, head and heart'.

We seek to develop deeper study skills and aptitudes toward learning, such as research or collaboration, in order to inspire independent thinkers who work well with others and are eager for challenge. Well-being within our community sets us on this caring path.

We aspire to be a truly cosmopolitan school, with a rich diversity both, reflecting and supporting our place as a charity within the wider community of London. We aim for a generous education of knowledge and skill, but also ethical character so that our boys not only 'do well' but 'do good'. With roots in the 19th Century, our mission embraces the 21st where well-being and civic virtue are key to our school's character and success.

Objectives for the year

The Board's main objective continued to be to educate all the School's pupils to achieve their maximum individual potential in all of the academic and extra-curricular opportunities offered throughout the School. Our strategy for achieving this was and is to maintain a commitment to the delivery of best practice, exemplified by a strong teacher-to-pupil ratio and by seeking to meet the individual needs of all pupils.

Principal Activity

The School's principal activity continues to be that of running a preparatory school for boys.

Volunteers

The School is grateful to those parents who assist by accompanying pupils on various school trips throughout the year on a voluntary basis. Members of the Board and members of the Homefield Association devote their time for the benefit of the School on a totally voluntary basis.

Homefield Preparatory School also benefits from the generosity of the Homefield Association and from parents, for their contribution to the success of the School. Sadly, the vast majority of events that the Association had planned had to be cancelled or amended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the proceeds of events that were held were used to buy a time capsule for the 150th year anniversary, a number of items for the Pre-prep department and Bloxels for the IT Department.

Public benefit

The Governors are mindful of the long-standing need to provide public benefit and of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and, in setting the School aims and objectives and planning the School's activities, the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The School includes, within its objectives, the delivery of excellence in education for boys between the ages of 4 and 13 to prepare them for their further studies and for life in the world beyond school. The Governors ensure this charitable purpose is carried out for the public benefit by working to ensure, wherever possible, that the opportunity for a first class education is available to all who are sufficiently talented and would benefit from being part of the School.

Public benefit (continued)

The Governors recognise the financial commitment made by parents. For those who are unable to pay the full costs, the Governors view bursary awards as important in helping to ensure children from families who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees can access the education we offer. The School welcomes means-tested bursary applications. Under the school's bursary policy, all applications for financial support are considered, based on personal and means-tested circumstances. In assessing suitability, the child should meet the school's normal entry requirements, where attention is given to both their academic progress and their potential. With limited funds, bursary support is offered to those considered likely to make academic progress and to benefit from participating in the school's wider, extra-curricular activities. All bursary applications are assessed by the Headmaster, Bursar and at least two Governors. Hardship monies are allocated on a short term basis giving priority to the continuity of education of those pupils already at the School and at key stages of their educational journey. All criteria and policies relating to concessions are kept under review and are updated when necessary. The Governors recognise the need to continually provide for bursaries and to allocate bursary funds.

The School supports a number of pupils through the Bursary Scheme although there is no specific endowment for this purpose. During the year ended 31 August 2021, a total of £67,725 (2020: £74,617), was spent on providing bursarial support for eight pupils. This included two 'Children Looked After' (CLA) on full bursaries covering all fees and costs, who came from the partnership that Homefield has developed with Sutton Virtual School. Sutton Virtual School acts as a local authority champion to promote the progress and educational attainment of Children Looked After. There were again a significant number of applications due to the financial impact of COVID-19 on families and the school was able to support an additional four families as a result.

During the year the School will normally provide scholarships, grants, prizes and other awards from both restricted funds and unrestricted funds - the former being subject to the particular conditions made by the original donor. In common with other Independent Schools, Homefield Preparatory School makes these awards based on the educational potential of the pupil or evidence of exceptional abilities which will contribute to our co-curricular activities. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the requirement to swap between remote and on-site learning, no new internal scholarships were offered to pupils during the year, this allowed us to support more students with bursary funding. The total of all types of scholarships provide during the year was £13,000 (2020: £30,442). The progress of pupils receiving scholarships is reviewed at least annually to ensure their progress is in line with their abilities. No scholarships were withdrawn in the year as a result of reviews.

As part of our emphasis on attracting and retaining high calibre staff, we offer a fee remission scheme for members of staff choosing to educate their children at the School.

Prior to the start of the pandemic, many of the School's facilities were used for free by community-based local groups. However, following on from the Government's closure of schools and restrictions around use and social distancing, all external lettings were ceased. A total of £1,726.00 (2020: £2,275.75) was also raised in the year to support a variety of charities. Those charities included The Children's Trust, Momentum, Comic Relief, North Devon Food bank, Jens for Genes, Guide Dogs and Royal British Legion. A number of these were chosen by the pupils and a large donation of appropriate food stuffs was made to Sutton food bank by parents and pupils of the school.

The school has continued its significant charitable outreach to other schools in the last year. Over 2000 education professionals have downloaded the toolkit we designed, in partnership with Sutton Local Authority (LA), to encourage the inclusion of children in care within independent settings. The Headmaster provided a keynote speech at the Institute of Development Professionals Annual Conference in January 2020, to launch the toolkit, and will provide a similar keynote at the next Independent Association of Prep Schools Heads Conference in September 2022.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

Public benefit (continued)

The School continues to attach great importance to its contribution to the wider community. The Governors confirm that they have complied with the duty to provide public benefit as laid down in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011; in particular, they have given due regard to the revised General Guidance issued by the Charities Commission in September 2013. A number of the Senior Management Team volunteer their time to either other charitable organisations, local community groups or sport clubs: The Headmaster is a Trustee of the Royal Society of Arts, the Bursar is a member of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers Homes Committee, and one of the Deputy Heads is a member of the Roehampton University SMB, which is used to offer feedback and develop Teacher training programmes, school placements and Mentor/Mentee systems. Through this, another member of staff has just become the 'UP' subject lead (PSHE) for schools involved in the partnership. The Headmaster also lent his qualified executive coaching skills to charitable endeavour organised by 'Love Your Coaching' and supported by the Independent Schools Council to provide pro-bono coaching for head teachers struggling with the COVID-19 crisis. This support was then extended to Sutton LA where our headmaster supported the coaching of one newly appointed head teacher colleague from the state sector.

The School actively contributes to the local community with a great number of charitable initiatives recommended by the parents and boys and has regularly provided a minibus and driver to help local primary schools take part in sports events. The new laser cutter, kindly donated by the Association, was used to good effect to make 80 face visors that were then donated to the Royal Marsden Hospital for use by NHS workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The School remained open during the holiday periods to provide free childcare to the children of "Key Workers". Homefield Preparatory School continues to donate a large number of surplus school items to a school in Malawi, run by the charity 'Hope4Malawi', and raise money for "Bader", the 31st guide dog to be funded by the School.

Operational performance of the School

The Board is pleased to report the achievement of its pupils in attaining their highest potential as measured by value added criteria; examination results and their successful graduation to their preferred senior school. As with previous years, the 2020-21 academic year was again an extremely successful one, despite all of the changes to the examination system as a result of the pandemic.

The CATS scores for the boys in Year 6 and Year 8 showed that the vast majority were at or above the national standards. Despite the changes to the examination process requested by ISEB due to COVID-19, Year 8 pupils had a 100% pass rate at Common Entrance and obtained places for their chosen senior schools. In all, 18 Scholarship awards were offered to Year 8 pupils by highly-respected senior schools.

A high percentage of Year 6-7 pupils also passed the Pre-Tests for their chosen senior schools and 10 pupils secured a place at local Grammar Schools.

The School also performs at a highly developed level in sport, music and art. Homefield boys have competed at local and county levels over a variety of different sports. In music, boys have performed in National competitions and have showcased the talent within the department with participation in numerous senior school orchestral and choral days.

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The net income for the year amounted to £348,825 (2020: £272,485). This was generated through the first two terms of the year and from a Business Interruption insurance payment. During the summer term a large discount was applied to all pupils' fees, to pass on the savings that the School was able to generate as a result of the new educational provision enforced by COVID-19, and to financially support the parental body during a period of national financial hardship and uncertainty. The General Reserve has been used to provide funds to meet the short-term running costs of the School, invest in new equipment and continue the ambitious programme to replace and enlarge the fabric of the school.

Reserves

The Board has established a general reserve policy to afford some protection to the School and its charitable programme and to provide time to adjust to changing financial circumstances. This is detailed in Note 18.

Investment powers and policy

The investment powers and policy are governed by the Articles of Association, which permit surplus funds to be invested in any investments, security or property as may be thought fit and as may be prescribed by law.

The School's investment objective is to maximise the return on its investment funds while maintaining maximum security and a high degree of liquidity. To meet this objective, the School invests any surplus funds in call deposits with a high security rating and either fixed interest rates or with a fixed relationship to base rate.

Fundraising

In line with the reporting requirements included in the Charities Act 2016 the Governors are pleased to confirm that all fundraising is done in compliance with best fundraising practice. All fundraising activities follow traditional methods such as cake sales and "mufti days". During the year 2020-2021, we did not employ any professional fundraisers. There were no complaints or criticisms during the year about our fundraising activities.

FUTURE PLANS

The number of pupils on roll at the School remain steady, which reflects confidence in the School despite the uncertainties of COVID-19, with a buoyant sixth form despite the strong draw of local grammar schools and Senior Schools opening up 11+ and 10+ entry routes. The School's current Development Plan was agreed by the Governors in December 2018 and is subject to an annual review by the Governors. The Board continues to strategically plan for the future through a programme of development and investment to:

- provide a stimulating learning environment in which pupils can develop their academic potential to the full;
- ensure the teaching facilities for our pupils are of a high quality;
- provide a happy and secure pastoral environment, in which all pupils are offered opportunities for leadership and service to others;
- offer all pupils the opportunities of experiencing a broad range of intellectual, cultural, sporting and wider-community influences;
- increase the capability of the School to offer education to children whose parents are unable to afford full fees, particularly Children Looked After;
- support members of staff, particularly middle managers, with opportunities to develop of their skills and careers;
- ensure that the School plays a significant part in the life of the local community, sharing facilities and seeking local partnerships wherever possible.

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS (continued)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governors (who are also Charitable Trustees and Directors of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited 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 Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments 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 its operations.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 of fraud and other irregularities. The Governors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

AUDITORS

A resolution proposing the reappointment of Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet as auditors will be put to the Governors at a Main Board meeting.

Disclosure on information to auditors

To the knowledge and belief of the Board, there is no relevant information that the Company's auditors are not aware of, and the F and GP Committee and School executive have taken all the steps necessary to ensure the Board is aware of any relevant information, and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of the information.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board record its thanks for the continued excellence in pastoral, academic and administrative standards delivered by all the staff. Mr Hutchings and Mr Uddin have retired as Governors since the last report. The Governors wish to thank them for their dedicated service to Homefield Preparatory School.

Approved by the Board of Governors on 2 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr I S Dhingra
Chairman

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR
TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, 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 2021 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the governors' 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 Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the governors 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 governors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Governors' Report, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Governors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included with the governors' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the governors' responsibilities statement, the governors (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 governors are responsible for assessing the charity'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 governors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 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.

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:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team.

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We determined that the principal risks were related to management bias in accounting estimates, presentation of separately disclosed items, incorrect claiming of government assistance (furlough income) and management override of controls. In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to challenging significant accounting estimates, agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, testing the calculation of claims made under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, evaluating the internal controls, reviewing trustees' minutes and identifying and testing journal entries.

There are inherent limitations in the 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. 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 for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:

<http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and regulations made under that Act. 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.



Miriam Hickson FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

5 Robin Hood Lane
Sutton
Surrey
SM1 2SW

Dated: ...08/02/2022

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the Income and Expenditure Account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Note	2021			2020		
		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Income from:							
<i>Donations</i>		4,359	1,235	5,594	1,063	6,567	7,630
<i>Other trading activities</i>							
School shop		206	-	206	316	-	316
<i>Investments</i>		6,735	-	6,735	18,624	-	18,624
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
Fees receivable		3,801,530	-	3,801,530	3,889,865	-	3,889,865
Extras chargeable		226,041	-	226,041	220,389	-	220,389
<i>Other income</i>							
Insurance claim		100,000	-	100,000	-	-	-
Sundry income		4,162	-	4,162	17,045	-	17,045
CJRS grant		33,730	-	33,730	81,299	-	81,299
Total income		<u>4,176,763</u>	<u>1,235</u>	<u>4,177,998</u>	<u>4,228,601</u>	<u>6,567</u>	<u>4,235,168</u>
Expenditure on:							
<i>Raising funds</i>							
Cost of goods sold		-	-	-	132	-	132
<i>Charitable activities</i>							
School operating costs		<u>3,826,271</u>	<u>2,902</u>	<u>3,829,173</u>	<u>3,955,646</u>	<u>6,905</u>	<u>3,962,551</u>
Total expenditure	2	<u>3,826,271</u>	<u>2,902</u>	<u>3,829,173</u>	<u>3,955,778</u>	<u>6,905</u>	<u>3,962,683</u>
Net income	3	350,492	(1,667)	348,825	272,823	(338)	272,485
Transfers between funds	12,13	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		350,492	(1,667)	348,825	272,823	(338)	272,485
Reconciliation of funds							
At 1 st September 2020		<u>8,608,390</u>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>8,613,503</u>	<u>8,335,567</u>	<u>5,451</u>	<u>8,341,018</u>
Balance carried forward							
At 31 st August 2021		<u>8,958,882</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>8,962,328</u>	<u>8,608,390</u>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>8,613,503</u>

All recognised gains and losses are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities and no separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains or Losses is presented.

There were no discontinued or acquired activities during the current or preceding year.


HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

Company Registration: 00887719

	<i>Note</i>	<i>2021</i>		<i>2020</i>	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		8,883,743		6,027,910
Investments	8		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>
			8,883,745		6,027,912
Current assets					
Stocks		1,781		1,781	
Debtors and prepayments	9	111,875		111,294	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>908,866</u>		<u>3,163,232</u>	
		1,022,522		3,276,307	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(943,939)		(690,716)	
Net current assets			<u>78,583</u>		<u>2,585,591</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>8,962,328</u>		<u>8,613,503</u>
Unrestricted funds	12		8,958,882		8,608,390
Restricted funds	13		<u>3,446</u>		<u>5,113</u>
Total Charity funds			<u>8,962,328</u>		<u>8,613,503</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Governors on 2 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Dr I S Dhingra	)
)
Mrs J Crooke	) Governors
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)

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	<i>Note</i>	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	19		766,108		381,341
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest received		<u>6,735</u>	6,735	<u>18,624</u>	18,624
Capital expenditure					
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(3,028,489)		(2,293,806)	
Refund for asset capitalised last year		-		9,351	
Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		<u>1,280</u>		<u>20,000</u>	
			<u>(3,027,209)</u>		<u>(2,264,455)</u>
(Decrease) / Increase in cash			<u>(2,254,366)</u>		<u>(1,864,490)</u>

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS

	2021	2020
	£	£
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year	<u>(2,254,366)</u>	<u>(1,864,490)</u>
Movement in net funds	<u>(2,254,366)</u>	<u>(1,864,490)</u>
Net funds brought forward	<u>3,163,232</u>	<u>5,027,722</u>
Net funds carried forward	<u>908,866</u>	<u>3,163,232</u>

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Homefield Preparatory School, Western Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2TE. The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(a) **Basis of accounting**

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 financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £. Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

(b) **Fixed assets**

Depreciation has been charged on a straight line basis to reduce the cost of fixed assets to estimated realisable/residual value over their useful lives. The rates charged are:

School buildings – 2 - 5% (from the date brought into use)
School buildings (to be demolished) – Over 2 and 3 years
Furniture and equipment – 25%
Motor vehicles – 20%
Computer equipment – 33.3%

No depreciation has been provided on land.

(c) **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, and comprise goods for resale.

(d) **Income**

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

(e) **Fees receivable, extras chargeable and interest receivable**

These are all accounted for on a receivable basis. Fees received for education to be provided in future years are carried forward as deferred income.

(f) **COVID Job Retention Scheme government grant income**

For CJRS grant income, the income is recognised in the period to which the underlying furloughed staff costs relate to.

(g) **Gains/(losses) on investments**

Both realised and unrealised gains/(losses) on investments are reflected through the Statement of Financial Activities.

(h) **Expenditure**

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

(i) **Charitable expenditure**

This comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the Charity, and the related support costs, including governance costs, which comprise all the expenditure on the management and the administration of the Charity, including an appropriate portion of the Headmaster's and Bursar's time.

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(j) **Pension costs**

The School makes pension contributions for teaching staff through the scheme operated by the Teachers' Pension Agency. Contributions are made to personal pension plans for other staff at the discretion of the Board. All costs are charged to the statement of financial activities in the period in which they are incurred.

(k) **Operating leases**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all benefits and the risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the lease.

(l) **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, on the basis that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt upon the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Trustees have paid particular attention to the likely effects on the School of the current COVID-19 outbreak. The Trustees have taken account of reduced fee income while the school is operating remotely and of a likely increase in future financial assistance requests in considering the impact on liquidity, pupil numbers and debt recovery and are confident that the School has sufficient resources to enable it to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

(m) **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 company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

(n) **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.

(o) **Debtors**

Fees and extras receivable and accrued income are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

(p) **Creditors and provisions**

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

(q) **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and 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.

2 EXPENDITURE ON:

	School operating costs	Governance costs	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Administration and general	434,097	45,477	479,574	497,015
Educational	2,416,015	27,456	2,443,471	2,522,158
Establishment	282,162	-	282,162	298,751
Housekeeping	253,873	-	253,873	281,961
School shop	-	-	-	132
Depreciation	<u>370,093</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>370,093</u>	<u>362,666</u>
	<u>3,756,240</u>	<u>72,933</u>	<u>3,829,173</u>	<u>3,962,683</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

3	NET INCOME	2021	2020
		£	£
	This is stated after charging:		
	Auditors' remuneration – statutory audit	5,580	5,580
	– termly and annual accounts	5,011	7,068
	– payroll services	7,834	7,911
	Depreciation	<u>370,093</u>	<u>362,666</u>

4	STAFF COSTS	2021	2020
		£	£
	Staff costs during the year amounted to:		
	Wages and salaries	2,094,177	2,127,287
	Social security costs	212,073	219,128
	Pension costs (see Note 17)	<u>374,366</u>	<u>395,581</u>
		<u>2,680,616</u>	<u>2,741,996</u>

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:	2021	2020
	No	No
Teaching	44	46
Estates	8	7
Catering	-	-
Maintenance	-	4
Administration	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>61</u>	<u>67</u>

The number of employees whose emoluments amounted to over £60,000 in the year were as follows:

	2021	2020
	No	No
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>2</u>	-
£70,001 - £80,000	-	<u>1</u>
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	-
£110,001 - £120,000	-	<u>1</u>
£130,001 - £140,000	<u>1</u>	-

Termination payments for the amount of £9,158 (2020: £nil) were made during the accounting period and are included in the staff costs above. These are recognised when legal agreement is reached.

5 REMUNERATION OF GOVERNORS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

No remuneration was paid to any of the Governors during the year. No Governors were reimbursed any expenses during the year (2020: three Governors were reimbursed a total of £39 travelling expenses).

Remuneration of key management personnel is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Aggregate remuneration	<u>538,390</u>	<u>473,195</u>

HOMEFIELD PREPARATORY SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

6 TAXATION

The Company is registered with the Charity Commissioners as an educational Charity and is exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

7 FIXED ASSETS

	<i>Freehold property</i>		<i>Furniture and equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Computer equipment</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>Land</i>	<i>Buildings</i>				
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Foundation value/Cost						
At 1 September 2020	66,000	7,660,562	444,569	83,354	515,373	8,769,858
Additions	-	3,107,246	101,445	-	17,489	3,226,180
Disposals	-	(530,128)	-	-	(21,823)	(551,951)
At 31st August 2021	<u>66,000</u>	<u>10,237,680</u>	<u>546,014</u>	<u>83,354</u>	<u>511,039</u>	<u>11,444,087</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2020	-	1,882,319	339,367	47,405	472,857	2,741,948
Charge for the year	-	251,710	73,771	16,671	27,941	370,093
Released on disposals	-	(530,128)	-	-	(21,569)	(551,697)
At 31 August 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>1,603,901</u>	<u>413,138</u>	<u>64,076</u>	<u>479,229</u>	<u>2,560,344</u>
Net book value						
At 31 August 2021	<u>66,000</u>	<u>8,633,779</u>	<u>132,876</u>	<u>19,278</u>	<u>31,810</u>	<u>8,883,743</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>66,000</u>	<u>5,778,243</u>	<u>105,202</u>	<u>35,949</u>	<u>42,516</u>	<u>6,027,910</u>

The building development is an Asset in the Course of Construction, which is included within Freehold Buildings. Costs brought forward were £2,784,085 and additions in the year were £3,107,246, resulting in a cost carried forward of £5,891,331. No depreciation has been applied as the asset is not yet complete.

A loan facility and overdraft facility were granted on 3 August 2020 and are secured by a fixed charge over the school's freehold land and buildings. The carrying value of the assets charged was £8,699,779 at the balance sheet date. The loan facility was made available in an aggregate amount of £2,500,000. Amounts of £625,000, £625,000 and £1,250,000 can be drawn with interest payable at 2.70% fixed for 5 years, 2.76% fixed for 10 years and 2.77% fixed for 15 years respectively. Interest reverts to a floating rate after the fixed interest rate period. All amounts are repayable within 15 years from 1 August 2022. The overdraft facility was made available in an aggregate amount of £1,500,000 with interest payable at 2.35% above base rate. At the balance sheet date, no monies had been drawn down.

The Board considers that the current value of the freehold property is likely to be materially higher than the carrying value as shown in the accounts. However, without the benefit of a professional valuation the Board is not in a position to quantify the difference. The Board considers that the cost involved in obtaining a professional valuation out of charitable funds would not be of sufficient benefit to the School to warrant the expense.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 (continued)

8 INVESTMENTS	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Unlisted investment at cost				
Homefield School Enterprises Ltd	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>	
Total Investments		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>

Homefield School Enterprises Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Homefield Preparatory School Trust Limited, which was incorporated on 30 April 2013. The initial accounting period for Homefield School Enterprises was from incorporation to 31 August 2014. It has remained dormant to 31 August 2021.

9 DEBTORS	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees debtors	35,372	53,594
Other debtors	4,162	4,499
Prepayments	<u>72,341</u>	<u>53,201</u>
	<u>111,875</u>	<u>111,294</u>

10 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees received in advance	464,491	9,302
Taxes and social security costs	51,338	55,445
Accruals	231,832	416,233
Other creditors	<u>196,278</u>	<u>209,736</u>
	<u>943,939</u>	<u>690,716</u>

11 LEASING COMMITMENTS

Operating leases

The charitable company's total future minimum lease payments under operating leases at 31 August 2021 were payable as set out below:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	24,992	21,555
Within two to five years	<u>52,483</u>	<u>43,576</u>
	<u>77,475</u>	<u>65,131</u>

The operating lease charges for the year were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Hire of plant and machinery	<u>21,555</u>	<u>23,502</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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12 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	<i>Balances brought forward</i> £	<i>Income less expenditure</i> £	<i>Transfers</i> £	<i>Gains and losses</i> £	<i>Balances carried forward</i> £
2021					
Designated funds:					
Tangible fixed asset fund	6,027,910	-	2,855,833	-	8,883,743
General reserve	<u>2,580,480</u>	<u>350,492</u>	<u>(2,855,833)</u>	-	<u>75,139</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>8,608,390</u>	<u>350,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,958,882</u>
2020					
Designated funds:					
Tangible fixed asset fund	3,767,015	-	2,260,895	-	6,027,910
General reserve	<u>4,568,552</u>	<u>272,823</u>	<u>(2,260,895)</u>	-	<u>2,580,480</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>8,335,567</u>	<u>272,823</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,608,390</u>
13 RESTRICTED FUNDS	<i>Balances brought forward</i> £	<i>Income</i> £	<i>Expenditure</i> £	<i>Transfers</i> £	<i>Balances carried forward</i> £
2021					
Awards	180	-	(180)	-	-
Early Years Training Grant	2,229	-	-	-	2,229
School travel grant	1,369	-	(152)	-	1,217
Early Years Department	350	-	(350)	-	-
Department Equipment	985	-	(985)	-	-
Coronavirus	-	-	-	-	-
Homefield Association	-	<u>1,235</u>	<u>(1,235)</u>	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>5,113</u>	<u>1,235</u>	<u>(2,902)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,446</u>
2020					
Awards	180	-	-	-	180
Early Years Training Grant	2,229	-	-	-	2,229
School travel grant	1,707	-	(338)	-	1,369
Early Years Department	350	-	-	-	350
Department Equipment	985	-	-	-	985
Coronavirus	-	4,761	(4,761)	-	-
Homefield Association	-	<u>1,806</u>	<u>(1,806)</u>	-	-
Total restricted funds	<u>5,451</u>	<u>6,567</u>	<u>(6,905)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,113</u>

The Awards fund was established by donation to recognise pupil performance.

The Early Years Training grant was awarded to enable the nursery staff to gain additional qualifications.

The School Travel Grant was given for the continuation of the School Travel Plan.

The Coronavirus fund was set up to raise additional bursaries for families struggling during lockdown.

The restricted funds are represented by cash.

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14 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	<i>Unrestricted funds</i>	<i>Restricted funds</i>	<i>Total funds</i>
	£	£	£
2021			
Tangible fixed assets	8,883,743	-	8,883,743
Investments	2	-	2
Net current assets	<u>75,137</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>78,583</u>
	<u>8,958,882</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>8,962,328</u>
2020			
Tangible fixed assets	6,027,910	-	6,027,910
Investments	2	-	2
Net current assets	<u>2,580,478</u>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>2,585,591</u>
	<u>8,608,390</u>	<u>5,113</u>	<u>8,613,503</u>

15 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The School had capital commitments at the year end of £1,757,035 for construction work (2020: £5,239,385).

16 LIMITED LIABILITY

The Trust is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The number of members at 31 August 2021 was 10 (2020: 29) and their liability on liquidation is limited to £1 each.

17 STAFF PENSIONS

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £318,336 (2020: £341,314) and at the year-end £nil (2020: £40,291) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

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17 STAFF PENSIONS (continued)

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied. The government announced on 4 February 2021 that it intends to proceed with a deferred choice underpin under which members will be able to choose either legacy or reformed scheme benefits in respect of their service during the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022 at the point they become payable.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July 2020, and a consultation was launched on 24 June on proposed changes to the cost control mechanism following a review by the Government Actuary. The consultation closed to response on 19 August 2021 and the Government is currently analysing the responses.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

Until the cost cap mechanism review is completed it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

Other Schemes

The school also makes contributions to a defined contribution schemes for non-teaching staff. The assets of these are held separately to those of the School in independently administered funds. Contributions paid during the year were £56,030 (2020: £54,267). At the year end £496 (2020: £1,132) was accrued in respect of these schemes.

18 RESERVES POLICY

The Unrestricted Funds are expendable at the discretion of the Board in furtherance of the objects of the School. In part, such funds have already been expended in providing the buildings and other tangible fixed assets of the School. Such assets, by their nature, are not readily realisable.

Accordingly, the Unrestricted Funds are intended to cover:

- The written down value of the tangible fixed assets of the School less any direct financing; and
- At least one term's running costs.

At the year end the balance on total funds was £8,962,328 of which £8,958,882 were unrestricted funds and £3,446 were restricted funds.

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18 RESERVES POLICY (continued)

Over and above this basic requirement, the Board recognises the need, whenever possible, to build up the Unrestricted Funds in order that the School is in a position to:

- Repair, replace or enlarge the fabric of the building, as the existing structure will not last forever and may not always meet the School's ongoing requirement for space; and
- Purchase new equipment to meet existing and evolving education and other learning needs.

19 NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Net movement in funds		348,825		272,485
Depreciation	370,093		362,666	
(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(1,026)		2,416	
Interest receivable	(6,735)		(18,624)	
		362,332		346,458
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(581)		62,422	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>55,532</u>		<u>(300,024)</u>	
		<u>54,951</u>		<u>(237,602)</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities		<u>766,108</u>		<u>381,341</u>

20 GOVERNORS' INDEMNITY INSURANCE

As part of its overall insurance policy, the Company purchased Governors' liability insurance providing cover up to £2,000,000 in respect of claims arising from negligence, error or omission committed in good faith.

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21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mrs Hutchings, the wife of a Governor was employed as a Nursery Teaching Assistant until 31 August 2020. She received £nil (2020: £11,751) during the year.

Mr A Ahmed is, and Mr A Harper was until July 2020, parents of pupils that attended the School for whom fees were payable to the school. Fees payable and any discounts were charged and awarded on the same basis as for other parents and staff.

Mrs B Harper, the wife of Mr A Harper, received £23,981 (2020: £22,231) during the year for work as a Welfare Assistant.

During the year the school paid third parties £40 for training of the Governors (2020: £515).