

**Charity registration number 525929**

**Company registration number 00661518 (England and Wales)**

**POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021**

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Mrs E M MacAulay (Chair)  
Mr T F Barnes  
Mr G D Dawber  
Mr T J Wareham  
Mrs L Window  
Mrs N M Wood  
Mr R B W Wood  
Mrs S Kelly

**Headmaster** Mr D Goulbourn

**Secretary** Mr D Goulbourn

**Business Manager** Mrs P Dhoot

**Charity number** 525929

**Company number** 00661518

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# **POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

## **GOVERNORS' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021***

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The Governors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 29 August 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the school's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

### **Objectives and activities**

In setting objectives for the School and planning its activities, the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public guidance on advancing education and fee charging. The Governors have for many years offered assistance with fees and the School has been particularly successful in attracting children whose parents would not be able to afford a full fee paying place. The assistance takes in to account the cost of extra curricular activities. The Governors are also conscious of the role that the School has always played, and continues to play, in the local community and this Report sets out details of activities which benefit all sections of that community. However we are not complacent in respect of the public benefit requirements; on the contrary we are continuously exploring opportunities to enhance the School's activities and use all its resources for the benefit of all strands of the local community.

Our School welcomes pupils from all backgrounds. There is no entrance requirement as such although in the upper forms an initial academic assessment is made, and this identifies the educational requirements and programme for the child. We have made significant investments in infrastructure to cater for the needs of children who are, or become, disabled. The welfare and progress of the children in every respect is a priority commitment and our procedures facilitate effective monitoring of development and success.

The School's objectives are the advancement of education for 2 to 11 year old children. The Charity has also to maintain its heritage endowment, in particular the Hall which is a grade 2\* listed building and various artefacts, books and works of art. The Governors have also emphasised the need to make the School's resources and activities available to the wider community and to contribute to the welfare of the community. The Governors also make bursaries available and are intent on achieving a wider access to the School, offering assisted places to children whose parents are unable to meet the full fees and making the School's resources available to the local community.

Within these Objects, the School's aim is to provide a first class independent education, based on excellent academic tuition and extra curricular activities involving the development of sporting, artistic and social skills in all its pupils. This is designed to provide an environment in which all pupils can develop and fulfil their potential, both in gaining access to the secondary school of their choice, and in building self confidence and a desire to contribute to the wider community.

The focus in the period ended 29 August 2021 and beyond has been on maintaining and improving academic performance; increasing contribution to the wider community both by activity and visibility in the community and by making the School's resources and activities available to others; actively pursuing the development and introduction of a bursary scheme; and investment in the School's infrastructure and facilities.

The activities which have contributed to the implementation of the School's strategy and the achievement of its objectives are dealt with in the next section of this Report.

The Governors have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the school should undertake.

### **Strategic report**

The description under the headings "Achievements and performance" and "Financial review" meet the company law requirements for the Governors to present a strategic report.



# **POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

## **GOVERNORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021***

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### **Achievements and performance**

Education Quality and Compliance Inspections were undertaken by the Independent Schools Inspectorate in March 2017. The Inspectors concluded that the quality of the pupils' academic and other achievements is excellent and that the quality of the pupils' personal development is excellent. Specific mention was made of excellent performance in every aspect of pupils' education. The Inspectors made no recommendations themselves but commended the objectives in the School's strategic plan. The results of the Compliance Inspection were similarly positive with the School meeting the laid down standards. A further Compliance Inspection in March 2020 resulted in a very positive assessment.

Our children continued to attain the highest quality academic standards. All the children in Form 6 achieved passes in the 11+ entrance examinations, and were offered places at the secondary schools of their choice, including Manchester Grammar School, Stockport Grammar School, The King's School Macclesfield, Cheadle Hulme School, St Ambrose, Alderley Edge School for Girls and Wilmslow High School. Our children received 64 offers of places including 9 scholarships.

The impact of the Covid pandemic continued throughout 2020/21. The Governors would like to formally thank the Headmaster and his teaching staff for their continued immense efforts, thanks and appreciation for which have also been expressed by many parents. So many said that our provision during this very difficult time was second to none.

Although the primary focus of the School is on academic success, all our children participate in many extra curricular activities which we consider essential for their development and prepares them for the rigorous demands of secondary school and beyond. There is considerable emphasis on music and drama. Many of the children passed music examinations and almost all are involved in choral activities. The majority of the senior school participated in excellent productions throughout the year, outstanding performances which received numerous accolades. All children in the School sung and performed in numerous concerts and plays. Our choirs participated in many public, as well as internal, performances during the year.

Sport continues to be an integral part of our children's activities and opportunities, and the all weather hard court, which was originally financed by a specific and generous donation from our Parents' Association, was extended and improved, again financed by our Parents' Committee and is used extensively for football, hockey, tennis, netball and other sports. This together with the Sports Hall and our extensive external facilities provides for a variety of sporting activities in which our children participate with great enthusiasm, enjoyment and success. Tennis, football, hockey, cricket, netball, cross-country, swimming, rugby and athletics are just some of the sports in which our children are extensively involved. No less important are other activities such as music, art, cooking and chess which add to the broad education which is provided.

As a result of the continuing COVID 19 Pandemic External activities were restricted throughout 2020/21.

The Governors in implementing the bursary policy, awarded a number of assisted places to children who otherwise would have been unable to attend the School. The Finance Governor continues to develop the formal policy and the Governors are anxious to ensure that assisted places are made available to the wider community on a consistent, equitable and realistic basis.

Considerable emphasis has been placed on updating the School's infrastructure and facilities. This year the focus has continued to be on enhancing and modernising teaching facilities. There has been further investment in ICT and the provision of interactive teaching and learning equipment in all classrooms and facilities is now complete. Progress has been made in achieving high speed broadband connectivity.

The Governors, staff and parents, together with their children, are particularly committed to the School's contribution to the wider local community. The Hall being a grade 2\* listed Arts and Crafts building is opened to visitors on several occasions during the year. The School's sporting and other facilities are frequently used by local sports clubs and similar organisations and the Governors are seeking to extend this opportunity to those who are not fortunate enough to have their own facilities. Our children's plays and choral activities are provided to many in the community, in particular pensioners, and a considerable number of charitable activities are organised by all members of the School community.

# **POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

## **GOVERNORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021***

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The School's operations are funded in the main by fee income. However, the Governors and other volunteers and supporters of the School are alert to potential fundraising opportunities although these are largely focused on specific projects. The School's Parents' Committee is particularly active and successful in mounting social and other events and surpluses are typically used to purchase equipment for classrooms and other school facilities, entirely at the discretion of the Committee. The Governors would like to record their appreciation of the parents' contribution to the School.

### **Financial review**

At 29 August 2021 the financing of the School comprised the interim loan of £1,050,000 from a personal lender and loans from Governors and their families of £458,000. The repayment of these loans had been extended to April 2022 to enable the Governors to conclude alternative funding arrangements. The adverse financial impact of the Covid pandemic, which has continued in to 20/21 and beyond, has meant that the School is unable presently to meet the lending parameters and criteria indicated by our bankers as a requirement for refinancing. Discussions with the bankers are ongoing as are discussions with the personal lender and Governors. Although the Governors have not sought a further repayment deferral of the loans, they are comfortable that no precipitative action will be taken by the personal lender or Governors in respect of their loans, especially as discussions are ongoing. Agreement has now been reached with another personal lender for an advance of £1,050,000 to replace the current loan.

The Governors report a deficit of £198,729 for the period, compared to a deficit of £186,607 In the previous period.

Numbers in the School were lower than expected in 2020/21 primarily in Nursery and Kindergarten and session bookings were also much lower throughout the year, as a result of the restrictions and in particular the incidence of working from home.

The School experienced a much greater incidence of irrecoverable debts, as a result of parents being in financial difficulty - some were granted additional discount, others were granted deferred payment terms which are ongoing at the date of approval of this report.

Additional costs were incurred in ensuring that School infrastructure and deployment of resources complied with the social distancing and other requirements when on site provision resumed.

It will be evident that the School suffered a significant loss of income as well as exceptional costs.

As a result the School has experienced, and is still experiencing, cash flow pressures. The Governors remain disappointed that our bankers were unable to approve a Coronavirus interruption loan of £200,000 although the School did receive a Bounce Back Loan of £50,000. The Governors are grateful to HMRC who granted deferred payment terms for PAYE and Teachers' Pension contributions. At the date of approval of this report, the School has repaid approximately £200,000 of backlog PAYE. The Governors note that repayment of the interruption loan would have been over 5 years starting in September 2021 – at the date of approval of this report, repayments of only around £30,000 would have been made.

The cash flow pressures continue and the Governors recognise the uncertainty of the School's financial position as a result, and the Governors acknowledge the additional uncertainty in respect of the repayment of the loans described above.

# **POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

## **GOVERNORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021**

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### **Reserves policy**

The Governors' policy towards reserves is to invest any surpluses in the School's facilities and infrastructure. Although this impacts on reserves only through the progressive recognition of depreciation in the Statement of Financial Activities, the impact on the School's cash resources is immediate. Consequently the Governors think it appropriate that the overall financial position, including in particular the cash position, informs and influences the policy on, and level of, reserves.

The Governors are conscious that the Unrestricted funds are in deficit. However, as stated above, the school is experiencing stability in numbers and although the impact of Covid-19 has postponed the return to profitability, the Governors expect that they will be able to report trading profits in future years. The sale of surplus land in 2017/18 yielded a significant profit and was consistent with the valuation of the School's freehold land and buildings, undertaken in 2012 as part of the negotiations in connection with the increased bank facilities, which indicated a value significantly in excess of the carrying value in the balance sheet.

Under the direction of the Governors and the Headmaster, the School has continued to invest in modernising and enhancing the teaching provision, and in the provision of new facilities which will enhance the education experience of our children. Essential, albeit modest, investment programmes were continued during this period. The current emphasis has been on new teaching and assessment schemes, as well as on direct contact teaching methods and content. Some of the investment was once again funded by our Parents' Committee and we again record our appreciation of their tireless activities, support and contribution.

The Board of Governors is responsible for the management of risks faced by the School. Detailed consideration and management of risks are delegated to the executive management team who report informally to the Business Management Committee ('BMC') and Board. The Governors have continued to implement enhanced risk management processes during the year. Major risks and issues are evaluated and considered at all management meetings and the risk identification, assessment and response process has been formally documented during the year. The Governors and executive management team are risk conscious and are satisfied that the major risks faced by the School have been managed and mitigated to an adequate extent. The governors recognise that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The key objectives of the medium to long term strategic plan are:

- To achieve optimum capacity in each class throughout the School
- To ensure that teaching capacity and capability is commensurate with these class sizes
- To maintain the current high standards of academic achievement measured in the main by the success of the School's children in securing offers from the secondary schools of their choice
- To continue to maintain the School's reputation for excellence in extra curricular activity in the arts, sport and community activity
- To widen participation in the School by offering assisted places for children, and to make the School's resources, facilities and activities available to the wider community
- To continue the programme of improving the School's infrastructure and facilities.

In the short term the Governors are conscious of the School's financial position. Initiatives to achieve efficiencies and economies in the cost base continue to be implemented and emphasis is being placed on initiatives to increase pupil numbers. The Governors will implement projects and initiatives only on the basis that the School remains within its financial facilities.

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## GOVERNORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021**

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### Structure, governance and management

The activities of the Trust are referred to in the Memorandum and Articles of Association which is the governing document of the Trust.

The Governors, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who have served since 1st September 2020 were:

Mrs E M MacAulay (Chair)

Mr T F Barnes

Mr G D Dawber

Mr T J Wareham

Mrs L Window

Mrs N M Wood

Mr R B W Wood

Mrs S Kelly

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr G D Dawber, Mr T J Wareham and Mrs L Window will retire by rotation at the forthcoming AGM, and being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election.

The Trust does not have any share capital but each Governor is guarantor to the extent of £1. No Governor has a beneficial interest in the Trust.

Governors are elected by The Board of Governors having regard to the skills requirements of the Board. Each Governor contributes a specific area of expertise relevant to the management of the School.

The Governors, as the Charity Trustees, are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the School and meet at least five times a year. The work of implementing most of the policies laid down by the Board of Governors and the day to day management of the School is undertaken by the executive senior management team under the supervision of the BMC, chaired by the Chair of the Board, which meets at least five times a year before the meetings of the Board, and which normally includes the Deputy Chair (Finance Governor), Headmaster and Business Manager.

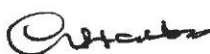
### Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Josolyne LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

### Disclosure of information to auditor

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

The Governors' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Governors.



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**Mr G D Dawber**

Governor

Dated: ..... **21 June 2022**

# **POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

## **STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021***

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The Governors, who are also the directors of Pownall Hall School Trust Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Governors' 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 school 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the school 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 school 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 school and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE GOVERNORS OF POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Pownall Hall School Trust Limited (the 'school') for the year ended 29 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, 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 29 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the 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 school 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, in the circumstances set out in note 29 to the financial statements, 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.

#### Emphasis of matter

Due to the Statement of Financial Position showing net liabilities of £1,394,398 we draw your attention to the relevant disclosure in the Governors report and note 1.2.

Our opinion has not been modified in respect of this disclosure.

#### Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to note 1.2 in the financial statements, which indicates that there is no formal agreement in place to extend the repayment date of the loan beyond the current repayment date of April 2022. The governors have agreement from another personal lender to replace the current £1.05m loan and this should be finalised before the start of the school year. As stated in the note 1.2, the potential for a requirement to repay this facility if the new lending is not finalised along with the uncertainty caused by the COVID pandemic and meeting the related cash costs as set forth in note 1.2, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

# **POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE GOVERNORS OF POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

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#### **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 contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report and the strategic report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the Governors' report have 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 school 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 within the Governors' report.

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

#### **Responsibilities of Governors**

As explained more fully in the statement of Governors' responsibilities, the Governors, who are also the directors of the school for the purpose 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 school'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 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.

# **POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE GOVERNORS OF POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

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

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity and its industry, and determined that the most significant are those that relate to breaches of safeguarding, health and safety regulations, data protection and employment laws. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the financial statements such as FRS102 accounting principles and the Companies Act 2006. We have considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements and also evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements.

We established that the principal risks related to revenue recognition, management bias in accounting estimates and management override, recoverability of debtors, potential understatement of creditors and the going concern status of the school. Audit procedures performed included:

- Performed a reconciliation of total school fees to expectations based on pupil numbers and current fee rates.
- Reviewed fee invoices raised either side of the year end to ensure accounted for in the correct period.
- Vouched year end accruals and prepayment balances to supporting invoices.
- Reviewed payments and invoices post year end for omitted creditors and accruals.
- Checked cash received after date to confirm recoverability of year end debtors and ensure sufficient provision was included.
- Designed our audit procedures in order to incorporate unpredictability around the nature, timing or extent of our testing.
- Identified and tested journal entries to consider the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments;
- Assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business.
- Challenged assumptions made by management in making their significant accounting estimates
- Reviewed financial statement disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Reviewed managements assumptions with regard to the going concern status of the school. Reviewed profit and cash flow forecasts prepared for a period in excess of 12 months from approval of the accounts.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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



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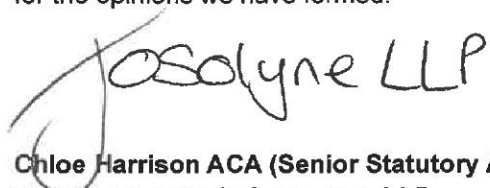
## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE GOVERNORS OF POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

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#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josolyne LLP', is written over the printed name 'Chloe Harrison'.

**Chloe Harrison ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Josolyne LLP**

21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2022.

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**Statutory Auditor**

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# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
<b><u>Income and endowments from:</u></b>						
Gifts and special receipts	3	2,000	-	2,000	2,250	18,317
Incoming resources from charitable activities	4	2,072,881	-	2,072,881	2,120,864	2,120,864
Investment income	5	20	-	20	47	47
Other incoming resources	6	34,974	-	34,974	91,418	91,418
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,109,875</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,109,875</b>	<b>2,214,579</b>	<b>2,230,646</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>						
Raising funds	7	8,940	-	8,940	31,656	31,656
Charitable activities	8	2,180,003	15,530	2,195,533	2,287,810	2,303,342
Other	12	104,131	-	104,131	82,255	82,255
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>2,293,074</b>	<b>15,530</b>	<b>2,308,604</b>	<b>2,401,721</b>	<b>2,417,253</b>
<b>Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(183,199)</b>	<b>(15,530)</b>	<b>(198,729)</b>	<b>(187,142)</b>	<b>(186,607)</b>
Fund balances at 30 August 2020		(1,405,767)	210,098	(1,195,669)	(1,218,625)	(1,009,062)
<b>Fund balances at 29 August 2021</b>		<b>(1,588,966)</b>	<b>194,568</b>	<b>(1,394,398)</b>	<b>(1,405,767)</b>	<b>(1,195,669)</b>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 29 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment	13		1,069,111		1,153,030
<b>Current assets</b>					
Trade and other receivables	15	43,205		93,393	
Cash at bank and in hand		204,584		243,487	
		247,789		336,880	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	16	(2,617,747)		(2,634,074)	
Net current liabilities			(2,369,958)		(2,297,194)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			(1,300,847)		(1,144,164)
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	19		(93,551)		(51,505)
<b>Net liabilities</b>			(1,394,398)		(1,195,669)
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	22		194,568		210,098
Unrestricted funds			(1,588,966)		(1,405,767)
			(1,394,398)		(1,195,669)

The financial statements were approved by the Governors on 21 June 2022



Mrs E M MacAulay (Chair)  
Governor



Mr G D Dawber  
Governor

Company Registration No. 00661518

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	27		(62,308)		120,018
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(13,501)		(47,596)	
Interest received		20		47	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(13,481)		(47,549)
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Increase/(repayment) of non bank borrowings		-		55,000	
Proceeds of new bank loans		50,000		-	
Increase/(repayment) of obligations under finance leases		(13,114)		(37,297)	
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>			36,886		17,703
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(38,903)		90,172
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			243,487		153,315
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			204,584		243,487

# **POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021**

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#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Charity information**

Pownall Hall School Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Pownall Hall School, Carrwood Road, Pownall Park, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5DW.

##### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the school's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The school is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

##### **1.2 Going concern**

The financing of the School at 31 August 2021 comprised interim funding of £1.05m from a personal lender and loans of £458,000 from Governors and their families. The School's bankers, Lloyds, have orally indicated their willingness to consider replacing this funding based on the School's return to profitability. For the reasons more fully explained in the Governors' Report, discussions with Lloyds have been deferred as a result of the many issues arising from Covid-19. The personal lender, Governors and their families had formally agreed to defer repayment of their loans to April 2022.

In the circumstances, the Governors have not sought a further formal repayment extension but are in discussions to ensure that the lenders will not seek repayment until the School has the necessary alternative funds. Agreement has been reached with another personal lender for a loan of £1.05m to replace the current loan.

As more fully explained in the Governors' Report, the adverse financial impact of Covid-19 has been significant and the final extent of losses has yet to be fully determined. The losses arising have been funded initially by a Bounce Back Loan of £50,000 and a deferral of amounts due to HMRC, repayment of which by instalments commenced in October 2020. As a result the School will be funding the Covid-19 losses over a relatively short period and the Governors and School Executive are implementing measures to meet this funding requirement by income, cost and cash flow management. Based on these measures, forecasts for the year ending August 2023 show the school returning to positive trading cash flow.

Although there is some uncertainty surrounding the School's ability to meet the cash costs of Covid-19 losses, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual accounts.

##### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the school.

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the school 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.

Fee income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on the accruals basis. Fees received in advance of education to be provided in future years are held until either taken to income in the term or else refunded.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the school has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the school has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

#### **1.5 Resources expended**

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

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The cost headings comprise expenditure, including staff costs and depreciation, directly attributable to the activity. Where costs cannot be directly attributed they have been allocated to activities on a fair and reasonable basis.

Support costs comprise all services including an appropriate proportion of general overheads specifically identified as wholly or mainly incurred in support of the direct charitable expenditure.

Governance costs comprise the costs incurred in managing the schools assets, organisational management, administration of and compliance with the statutory requirements of the school.

Where overheads and other costs cannot be directly attributed they have been allocated on the basis of management estimates of the amount attributable to such activities, either by reference to staff time or space occupied, if material. Expenses are inclusive of VAT as it is irrecoverable.

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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

Freehold land and buildings	over 50 years
Prefab buildings	over 20 years
Fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment	over 10 years
Computers and office equipment	over 5 years
Motor vehicles	over 4 years

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

#### 1.7 Impairment of non-current assets

At each reporting end date, the school reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

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

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The school has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

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

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

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

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

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

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

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

#### **1.10 Employee benefits**

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

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

#### **1.11 Retirement benefits**

The School participates in a multi employer pension scheme, the Government's Teachers Pension Defined Benefits Scheme, for its teaching staff. The pension liability is the responsibility of the Teachers' Pensions. As a result it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme that are attributable to the school. Accordingly, the scheme is accounted for as if it were a defined contributions scheme.

The school also contributes to defined contribution schemes for non-teaching staff. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **1.12 Leases**

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

#### **1.13 Government grants**

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.



# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.14 Fees in advance

Fees received in advance are deferred until such time that they become receivable, and are then recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the school'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 where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Gifts and special receipts

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	2,000	-	2,000	2,250	16,067	18,317

### 4 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Gross fees	Less: Total bursaries, grants and allowances	Total 2021	Total 2020
	2021	2021		
	£	£	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	2,257,481	(200,978)	2,056,503	2,083,733
Other income	16,378	-	16,378	37,131
	2,273,859	(200,978)	2,072,881	2,120,864

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	20	47

### 6 Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds	Total
	2021	2020
	£	£
Government grants	34,974	91,418
	34,974	91,418

The above represents amounts receivable under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

### 7 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Advertising	8,940	6,256
Other fundraising costs	-	25,400
Fundraising and publicity	8,940	31,656
	8,940	31,656

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 8 Charitable activities

	Teaching	Premises	Support costs of schooling	Total 2021	Total 2020
	2021	2021	2021		
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	1,341,485	56,233	247,021	1,644,739	1,721,590
Depreciation and impairment	55,423	38,557	3,440	97,420	106,359
Other charitable expenditure	50,582	175,966	189,592	416,140	438,218
	<u>1,447,490</u>	<u>270,756</u>	<u>440,053</u>	<u>2,158,299</u>	<u>2,266,167</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 9)	-	-	37,234	37,234	37,175
	<u>1,447,490</u>	<u>270,756</u>	<u>477,287</u>	<u>2,195,533</u>	<u>2,303,342</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>					
Unrestricted funds	1,444,074	258,642	477,287	2,180,003	2,287,810
Restricted funds	3,416	12,114	-	15,530	15,532
	<u>1,447,490</u>	<u>270,756</u>	<u>477,287</u>	<u>2,195,533</u>	<u>2,303,342</u>
<b>For the year ended 29 August 2020</b>					
Unrestricted funds	1,547,794	279,843	460,173		2,287,810
Restricted funds	3,416	12,116	-		15,532
	<u>1,551,210</u>	<u>291,959</u>	<u>460,173</u>		<u>2,303,342</u>

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 9 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	2020 £	Basis of allocation
Staff costs	247,021	-	247,021	233,208	
Depreciation	3,440	-	3,440	2,951	
Printing, postage and office stationery	22,935	-	22,935	22,693	
Telephone costs	5,818	-	5,818	7,271	
Motor and travel	6,895	-	6,895	8,741	
School costs	50,462	-	50,462	53,149	
Computer costs	20,974	-	20,974	38,518	
Legal, professional and consultancy fees	1,530	-	1,530	1,325	
Equipment hire	5,848	-	5,848	5,255	
Bad and doubtful debts	60,119	-	60,119	40,300	
Subscriptions and donations	3,089	-	3,089	5,974	
Sundry expenses	11,888	-	11,888	3,613	
			-		
Audit fees	-	12,600	12,600	12,000	Governance
Accountancy and payroll	-	21,660	21,660	21,288	Governance
School inspection costs	-	2,974	2,974	3,887	Governance
	<u>440,019</u>	<u>37,234</u>	<u>477,253</u>	<u>460,173</u>	
Analysed between					
Charitable activities	<u>440,053</u>	<u>37,234</u>	<u>477,287</u>	<u>460,173</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £12,600 (2020-£12,000) for audit fees. In addition costs of £21,660 were incurred on accountancy, bookkeeping and payroll services (2020 - £21,288).

### 10 Governors

None of the Governors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year and total reimbursed expenses amounted to £Nil.

### 11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Teaching staff	46	50
Support staff	16	17
	<u>62</u>	<u>67</u>
Total		

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 11 Employees (Continued)

Employment costs	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	1,341,773	1,404,095
Social security costs	111,442	119,932
Other pension costs	191,524	197,563
	<u>1,644,739</u>	<u>1,721,590</u>

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Of the employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000, 1 (2020 - 1) has retirement benefits accruing under a defined benefit pension scheme (TPS) described more fully in note 21.

### 12 Other

	2021 £	2020 £
Financing interest and charges	<u>104,131</u>	<u>82,255</u>
	<u>104,131</u>	<u>82,255</u>

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 13 Property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 30 August 2020	1,601,891	982,665	27,000	2,611,556
Additions	-	13,501	-	13,501
At 29 August 2021	1,601,891	996,166	27,000	2,625,057
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 30 August 2020	682,177	756,099	20,250	1,458,526
Depreciation charged in the year	30,715	59,955	6,750	97,420
At 29 August 2021	712,892	816,054	27,000	1,555,946
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 29 August 2021	888,999	180,112	-	1,069,111
At 29 August 2020	919,714	226,566	6,750	1,153,030

The net carrying value of tangible fixed assets includes the following in respect of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts. The depreciation charge in respect of such assets amounted to £31,371 (2020 - £35,164) for the year.

	2021 £	2020 £
Motor vehicles	-	6,750
Computers and office equipment	62,418	87,039
	62,418	93,789

### 14 Financial Instruments

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	26,442	90,720
<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
Measured at amortised cost	2,015,690	1,930,309

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 15 Trade and other receivables

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade receivables	26,322	81,564
Other receivables	120	9,156
Prepayments and accrued income	16,763	2,673
	<u>43,205</u>	<u>93,393</u>

### 16 Current liabilities

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	17	8,333	-
Obligations under finance leases	18	23,802	37,295
Other borrowings		1,508,000	1,508,000
Other taxation and social security		93,945	227,805
Deferred income	20	601,663	527,465
Trade payables		68,165	37,126
Other payables		233,133	214,846
Accruals		80,706	81,537
		<u>2,617,747</u>	<u>2,634,074</u>

Other payable includes deposits of £90,834 (2020 - £89,269) technically payable with one terms notice hence included as due in under 1 year, However, expectation is that these will be repaid over a number of years as each pupil leaves the school.

### 17 Borrowings

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	50,000	-
Other loans	1,508,000	1,508,000
	<u>1,558,000</u>	<u>1,508,000</u>
Payable within one year	1,516,333	1,508,000
Payable after one year	41,667	-

The loan of £1,050,000 from a third party individual is secured by a legal charge over the property known as Pownall Hall School, Carrwood Road, Wilmslow, SK9 5DW.

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 17 Borrowings

(Continued)

The loan from the third party individual carries an interest rate of 5% pa. This loan has been extended and now has an earliest repayment date of 10th April 2022.

The loans from the Governor's and their families carry an interest rate of 2.5% pa above base (minimum 3% pa), although 3% per annum has now been agreed as the maximum rate. These loans have since been extended and now have an earliest repayment date of 10th April 2022.

Additional commentary on these loans is provided in the Governors' Report and in Note 1.2.

### 18 Finance lease commitments

Future minimum lease payments due under finance leases:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	33,869	47,492
Within two and five years	62,546	66,824
	<u>96,415</u>	<u>114,316</u>
Less: future finance charges	(20,729)	(25,516)
	<u>75,686</u>	<u>88,800</u>

The above represents finance leases to acquire equipment and motor vehicles entered into for a term of 3 or 5 years. All leases are on a fixed repayment basis and no arrangements have been entered into for contingent rental payments.

The finance lease creditors are secured over the assets to which they relate.

### 19 Non-current liabilities

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	17	41,667	-
Obligations under finance leases	18	51,884	51,505
		<u>93,551</u>	<u>51,505</u>



# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

### 20 Deferred income

	2021 £	2020 £
Arising from Advance fees and deposits	601,663	527,465
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Fees in advance movement</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	
Brought forward August 2019	527,465	
Utilised in year	(527,465)	
Received in the year	601,663	
	<u>          </u>	
Carried forward at August 2020	601,663	
	<u>          </u>	

Parents may enter into an agreement to pay the school fees in advance. The money may be returned subject to specific conditions on the receipt of one term's notice.

In addition the school receive advance payments from both local authorities for the Early years pupils and from parents prior to the start of the Michaelmas term in September.

All amounts paid in advance relate to fees in connection with the year ending 31st August 2022.

# POWNALL HALL SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 AUGUST 2021

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#### 21 Retirement benefit schemes

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 scheme of £182,775 (2020- £188,475) and at the year end contributions of £129,971 (2020 - £110,009) accrued in respect of contributions to the scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits scheme governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. 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 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 judgement 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. A consultation was launched by the government on 16 July 2020, and closed to responses on 11 October 2020.

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 the government is preparing to complete the cost control element of the 2016 valuations, which is expected to be completed in 2021.

In view of the above rulings and decisions and 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 consultation and the cost cap mechanism review are 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.

The School also runs a group personal pension scheme for its non-teaching staff. The cost for the year represents the School's contributions to this scheme.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £8,749 (2020 - £9,088). and at the year end £3,300 was accrued (2020 - £3,602) in respect of contributions to this scheme.

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#### 22 Restricted funds

The funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes. The expended resources relate to the depreciation charges for the period and repair work undertaken in the year. At the year end, unexpended income was £194,568 (2020 - £210,098)

	Movement in funds					
	Balance at 30 August 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 30 August 2020	Resources expended	Balance at 29 August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Roof appeal	90,177	-	(2,576)	87,601	(2,576)	85,025
Playmatt Netball/Tennis court	20,390	-	(537)	19,852	(537)	19,315
Cheshire East Council Quality Improvement Grant	2	-	(2)	-	-	-
Playground	8,868	-	(2,217)	6,651	(2,217)	4,434
EYFS Canopy and play area	13,850	-	(2,620)	11,231	(2,620)	8,611
Nursery canopy	3,129	-	(626)	2,503	(626)	1,877
Astro turf	35,517	-	(756)	34,761	(756)	34,005
Outdoor classroom and lighting	12,182	-	(1,517)	10,665	(1,517)	9,148
Cricket works	4,028	-	(82)	3,946	(82)	3,864
Radio station	9,600	-	(2,400)	7,200	(2,400)	4,800
Ipads	4,064	-	(1,016)	3,048	(1,016)	2,032
Stage lighting, sound and recording equipment	7,756	-	(862)	6,894	(862)	6,032
Outdoor play area	-	16,067	(321)	15,746	(321)	15,425
	<u>209,563</u>	<u>16,067</u>	<u>(15,532)</u>	<u>210,098</u>	<u>(15,530)</u>	<u>194,568</u>

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#### 23 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 29 August 2021 are represented by:						
Property, plant and equipment	874,543	194,568	1,069,111	942,932	210,098	1,153,030
Current assets/ (liabilities)	(2,369,958)	-	(2,369,958)	(2,297,194)	-	(2,297,194)
Long term liabilities	(93,551)	-	(93,551)	(51,505)	-	(51,505)
	<u>(1,588,966)</u>	<u>194,568</u>	<u>(1,394,398)</u>	<u>(1,405,767)</u>	<u>210,098</u>	<u>(1,195,669)</u>

Restricted Funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The restricted fund must be used for the purpose specified ie; roof appeal, the netball court, nursery play floor, Bay Window repairs, Pupil playground, quality improvement, ICT software and Early Years Foundation Stage canopy and play area.

#### 24 Operating lease commitments

At the reporting end date the school had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	900	1,200
Between two and five years	-	900
	<u>900</u>	<u>2,100</u>

The operating leases represent leases of telephones, copiers and computer equipment from third parties. The leases are negotiated over terms of 5 years and rentals are fixed for this period.

Amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities for the year was £1,242 (2020 - £1,242).

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#### 25 Events after the reporting date

During the previous year the outbreak of Coronavirus was declared as a global pandemic which continues to spread throughout the world.

During 2020 and 2021 the school has taken advantage of government support including the furlough of some employees through the job retention scheme.

The pandemic has had a detrimental effect on the business which is ongoing. Income has been impacted by reduced numbers and hours in Nursery and Kindergarten. It is likely that this shortfall will not be fully covered by reduced site costs and job retention scheme claims. As a result the accounts for the year ended August 2022 are likely to show a loss, which at this point can't be accurately determined.

With pupils now returning to classrooms and the successful roll out of the vaccine, the Governors think that any further impact will be modest and are forecasting a return to profitability in the 22/23 academic year.

#### 26 Related party transactions

##### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	2021 £	2020 £
Aggregate compensation	154,404	161,796

##### Loans

During previous years, the school received loans from Governor Mr G D Dawber's immediate family and from the Chair of Governors Mrs E M MacAulay, shown in other loans in note 17. These loans remain outstanding as follows:

##### Loans from the family of Mr G D Dawber

	Balance outstanding 30th August 2020 £	Advances in period £	Repayments in period £	Balance outstanding 29th August 2021 £
Loan from A Dawber (wife of Mr Dawber)	233,000	-	-	233,000
Loan from G Dawber (son of Mr Dawber)	145,000	-	-	145,000
	<u>378,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>378,000</u>

Above loans were originally agreed with interest payable at base rate plus 2.5% (minimum 3% pa). As a result of a subsequent agreement, interest on the loans is now fixed at 3% pa. The whole of the above loans have been classified as short term representing conditions existing at the balance sheet date.

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#### 26 Related party transactions

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However subsequent extension of the loan has confirmed that this balance will not be repaid until alternative long term finance is agreed.

The terms of the loans, including interest rate payable, were approved by the Governors (excluding Mr Dawber) having regards to prevailing rates for loans and deposits.

Interest of £9,690 has been paid during the year and further interest totalling £21,846 is accrued at the year end.

The interest charge for the period in relation to the above loans is £11,340.

#### Loans from Mrs E M MacAulay (Chair of the Board of Governors)

	Balance outstanding 30th August 2020 £	Advances in period £	Repayments in period £	Balance outstanding 29th August 2021 £
Loan from EM MacAulay	80,000	-	-	80,000
	<u>80,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,000</u>

Above loan was originally agreed with interest payable at base rate plus 2.5% (minimum 3% pa).

As a result of a subsequent agreement, interest on the loans is now fixed at 3% pa.

The full amount of £80,000 due to Mrs E M MacAulay was outstanding as at 29th August 2021 the balance sheet date.

However subsequent extension of the loan has confirmed that this balance will not be repaid until alternative long term finance is agreed.

The terms of the loans, including interest rate payable, were approved by the Governors (excluding Mrs MacAulay) having regards to prevailing rates for loans and deposits.

Interest of £2,400 has been paid during the year and further interest totalling £4,800 is accrued as at August 2021.

The interest charge for the period in relation to the above loans is £2,400.

#### 27 Cash generated from operations

	2021 £	2020 £
Deficit for the year	(198,729)	(186,607)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(20)	(47)
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	97,420	106,359
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	50,188	(27,028)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(85,365)	181,857
Increase in deferred income	74,198	45,484
<b>Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations</b>	<b>(62,308)</b>	<b>120,018</b>

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#### 28 Analysis of changes in net (debt)/funds

	At 30 August 2020 £	Cash flows £	At 29 August 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	243,487	(38,903)	204,584
Loans falling due within one year	(1,508,000)	(8,333)	(1,516,333)
Loans falling due after more than one year	-	(41,667)	(41,667)
Obligations under finance leases	(88,800)	13,114	(75,686)
	<u>(1,353,313)</u>	<u>(75,789)</u>	<u>(1,429,102)</u>

#### 29 Non-audit services provided by auditor

In common with many businesses of our size and nature we use our auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.