

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07739194 (England and Wales)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2025  
FOR**

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC  
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY TRUST**

Carter & Coley Limited  
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Bournemouth  
Dorset  
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**MEMBERS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION HELD</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY</b>	<b>DATE OF APPOINTMENT</b>
Nicole Sharp	Chair	Ex officio	12/09/2024
Bro Patrick Hanlon	Foundation Member	De La Salle Order	17/07/2021
Richard Dickinson	Foundation Member	De La Salle Order	01/02/2020
David Todd	Foundation Member	De La Salle Order	01/02/2020
Dr Edward Gray	Foundation Member	De La Salle Order	17/09/2020
Maureen Todd	Foundation Member	De La Salle Order	21/10/2020
Bishop Phillip Egan	Foundation Member	Diocese	06/04/2016
Father James Joseph McAuley	Foundation Member	Diocese	05/10/2022
Canon Paul James Smith	Foundation Member	Diocese	10/01/2020
Heather Hauschild	Foundation Member	Diocese	01/07/2020
Mary Breen	Foundation Member	Diocese	31/07/2020

**TRUSTEES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TYPE OF GOVERNOR</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY</b>	<b>START OF APPOINTMENT DATE</b>	<b>END OF APPOINTMENT TERM</b>
Benedict Doyle	Ex Officio		09/2019	
Nicole Sharp	Foundation	De La Salle Order	08/2023	08/2027
Robert John Belcher	Foundation	De La Salle Order	08/2023	08/2027
Kieran Edward Joseph Allen	Foundation	De La Salle Order	03/2023	03/2027
Christopher Thomas Chastney	Staff	Other Staff	11/2022	11/2026
Louise McDonald	Co-Opted	Governing Body	12/2021	12/2025
Tracy Allen	Parent	Other Parents	01/2023	01/2027
Peter Evans	Foundation	Diocese	01/2024	01/2028
Glyn Whitworth	Foundation	De La Salle Order	12/2021	12/2025
Peter James Booth	Co-opted	Governing Body	09/2022	09/2026
Fr John Nelson	Foundation	Diocese	09/2022	09/2026
Amy Alderson	Parent	Other Parents	01/2023	01/2027

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**APPOINTED IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TYPE OF GOVERNOR</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY</b>	<b>START OF APPOINTMENT DATE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT TERM</b>
Jonathan Downes	Staff	Staff	07/2025	07/2029

**RESIGNATIONS IN PAST TWELVE MONTHS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TYPE OF GOVERNOR</b>	<b>APPOINTED BY</b>	<b>START OF APPOINTMENT DATE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT TERM</b>
N/A				

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**SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Mr B Doyle (Headteacher)  
Mrs R Gould (Deputy Headteacher)  
Mr J Wilder (Deputy Headteacher)  
Mrs K Rickard (School Business Manager)  
Mr Simon Atkins (Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form)  
Mr M Spackman (Assistant Headteacher)  
Mr I Evans (Assistant Headteacher)  
Ms K Robinson (Assistant Headteacher)  
Mr N Tarr (Assistant Headteacher)  
Mr I Scott-Brown (Director of Communications)  
Mrs A Malone (Head of Primary Phase)  
Miss K Henwood (Deputy Head of Primary Phase)

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mrs S Wallace-Abbott

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**REGISTERED OFFICE**

St Peter's School  
St Catherine's Road  
Bournemouth  
Dorset  
BH6 4AH

**REGISTERED COMPANY  
NUMBER**

07739194 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS**

Carter & Coley Limited  
3 Durrant Road  
Bournemouth  
Dorset  
BH2 6NE

**BANKERS**

Lloyds Bank Plc  
4 Castle Street  
Christchurch  
Dorset  
BH23 1DU

**SOLICITORS**

Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP (VWV)  
PO Box 3501  
Bristol  
BS2 2FL

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The trustees (also known as Governors), who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity, for the year ended 31 August 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Department for Education (DFE).

The Academy Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 4-18 serving a catchment area in Bournemouth. It has a pupil capacity of 1,942 and had a roll of 1,987 in the school census on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and Aims**

St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust, also known as St Peter's Catholic School, was established specifically but restricted to the following: to advance, for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular, but without prejudice, to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining and carrying on, managing and developing Catholic Schools designated as such, which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and shall be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Catholic Church and all Catholic Canon Law applying thereto, including the charitable purpose of the Trustees and any trust deed governing the use of any land used by an Academy, both generally and having regard to any advice and following directives issued by the Diocesan Bishop and De La Salle and agreed between them.

The Secretary of State for Education has agreed to make payments to the Academy Trust in accordance with the conditions and requirements set out in the Academy's Funding Agreement.

The characteristics of the School are set down in section 482 (2) of the Education Act 1996, as substituted by the Education Act 2002, and are that the School should have a broad curriculum and should provide education for pupils of different abilities and who are wholly or mainly drawn from the area in which the School is situated.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Significant activities**

**Christian Foundation:** St Peter's Catholic School is a Christian School, which shares the teaching mission of the Catholic Church. The foundation of its whole educational enterprise is Christ and, through his life and teaching, it finds its meaning and purpose. The School gives priority to Christian education and encourages young people to take a full and active part in the life and mission of the Church.

**Formation of the Whole Person:** The School is committed to excellence throughout all its activities, enabling all individuals to achieve their potential. It strives to educate the whole person academically, socially, spiritually, morally and physically. The School seeks to fulfil this commitment through a curriculum based on Christian principles and centred on the needs and aspirations of its pupils

**Recognition of the Individual:** The School recognises and respects each member of the School community as a child of God, blessed with a unique personality and endowed with individual gifts and talents. We not only teach the demands of justice but we also try to put them into practice in our own community. The School is characterised by a spirit of freedom that includes respect for others, nurtures the growth of the individual and encourages everyone to begin to understand and experience their dignity as a person.

**Christian Community:** The School is a believing Christian community united by common ideals and seeking to promote Gospel values. This community, open to the world and welcoming growth and change, is an irreplaceable source of service, not only to the staff and pupils but also to the family, the Church, the local community and society at large.

**The staff:** At the heart of the School and in the spirit of John Baptist De La Salle are the teachers. They are assisted in their work by the associate staff. They are central to the wellbeing and success of the School. They will endeavour to work with tolerance, generosity, patience, humour and humility. They nourish and sustain the spiritual and personal development of each individual.

**Partnership:** Fundamental to the successful educational enterprise is the partnership between School, pupils, Governors and their parents/carers. The rights and responsibilities of parents/carers as the first educators of their children are recognised. This, together with the active participation of and contribution from pupils, fosters the atmosphere of achievement through partnership.

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**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public Benefit**

The Governors confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The School provides education to children and young people that :

- is broad and balanced
- promotes challenge, nurture and ambition
- encourages students to be inquisitive, to be determined and persistent in all their endeavours
- promotes a safe, supportive and spiritual environment
- promotes the development for a passion for learning
- inspires a spirit of service to the family, the church, the community and the world at large

The admissions policy of St Peter's Catholic School aims to reflect the underlying ethos of the school, which is to provide a Catholic based education for pupils across the Bournemouth area, from all Christian denominations, from all religions and from those of no faith.

In addition, we provide and welcome the use of our wonderful facilities to our local residents and clubs for a small charge.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievement and performance**

*Achievements and performance*

The achievements and performance of the School are published according to Government measures within the School's Prospectus and are available on the School's website. The Report resulting from the Ofsted inspection undertaken in September 2023 is also published upon the School's and Ofsted websites. The school was ranked "Outstanding" by Section 48 inspectors.

The School is a state-funded Catholic all through school within the Diocese of Portsmouth. It became an academy in September 2011 and from September 2014 welcomed the first cohort of pupils into the Primary phase as the School expanded to become an all-through School. The full transfer was finalised by September 2020.

The Primary School is oversubscribed at Reception with 123 applicants for 60 places in 2025. Priority is given to Catholic children. Our performance at EYFS and Key Stage 1 has traditionally been very strong and consistently higher than both national and local average figures over recent years. As with other schools, the achievement of some St Peter's primary phase students has been impacted by lockdowns and home-learning

The Secondary Phase is oversubscribed at Year 7 with 456 applicants for 180 places in 2025. Priority is given to Catholic children. Seventy-two percent of St Peter's primary parents elected to send their child to St Peter's secondary. Twenty-two percent of the cohort gained a place at Grammar school

The Sixth Form phase received a total of 392 applications for 2025-27 entry with 184 awarded places at Registration where the minimum entry requirement is subject grades between 5-8 in order to study at A Level. 157 YR12 students rolled over to YR13 (this includes 4 students repeating Year 13 on medical and pastoral grounds) making a total of 341 students for the 2025/27 Academic Year. Many pupils go on to university, including the Russell Group, medical schools and Oxbridge. The School has had particular success with sport and performing arts and many pupils have gone on to employment within these specialised fields.

The School has strong links with its Partner Primary Schools and established links with local parishes. Priests are invited to masses regularly and officiate at a weekly staff mass. Students and staff from both the primary and secondary attend an outdoor mass in the Summer term officiated by priests from local parishes. A large part of the work of the Chaplains is one-to-one counselling with students, and the demand for this is considerable. We are pleased to be able to run "Rainbows", a programme for students who have suffered bereavement.

We are delighted to be able to offer extra-curricular activities in performing arts, sport, debating and engineering. We hold our whole school sponsored walk in aid of charity in the summer term. The walk raises funds for Reaching the Unreached and Macmillan and also supports in-school community projects.

In 2009, through the International Inspiration Programme, the School created links with a South African School which is a partnership between UK Sport, the British Council and UNICEF.

The School also links with a remote community in India for which it raises many thousands of pounds per year to support the work of the charity "Reaching the Unreached". "Reaching the Unreached" was founded in 1974 by Brother Lionel (James Kimpton), a past teacher of St Peter's, and was led by him until his death in 2017.

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievement and performance**

Key Stage 5 Performance Indicators	A Levels			Applied General		
	2025	2024	2023 ♦	2025	2024	2023 ♦
<b>All Students</b>	+0.42	-0.12	+0.03	+0.31	-0.05	+0.11
<b>Disadvantaged Students</b>	+0.09	-0.21	-0.42	-0.17	+0.09*	-0.39

\* This figure is an internal estimate. The validated figure is published as SUPP on school performance tables due to the very small cohort.

♦ Validated data for 2023 was not published on school performance tables as the grades achieved between January 2020 and August 2021 were needed to do this. Due to the impact of COVID-19, exams were not sat during this time.

16-18 progress measures will next be published on performance tables in 2024/25 and the provisional data has yet to be published. The above data is based on internal estimates only

*Key financial performance indicators*

The School has been operated within the terms and conditions set down within its Academy Funding Agreement to which the Secretary of State for Education is the other party. Operational KPIs (that cover the range of education provision within the School) are discussed and reviewed within the committees of the Governing Body. The evidence underpinning the judgements made reporting progress against KPIs are independently tested by a School Improvement Adviser, who is a qualified educational professional.

**KPI data**

Key Stage 4 Performance Indicators	Progress 8			Grade 5+ in English and Mathematics			Staying in Employment, Education or Training **		
	2025	2024*	2023	2025	2024*	2023	2025	2024	2023
<b>All Students</b>	N/A	+0.15	+0.01	46%	54%	45%	95%	97%	95%
<b>Disadvantaged Students</b>	N/A	-0.41	-0.72	34%	38%	19%	90%	90%	89%
<b>National</b>	N/A	-0.03	-0.03	45%	46%	45%	91%	92%	94%

○ 2025 KS4 data has been published on School Performance tables but is provisional at this stage. Revised data is expected to be published in February 2026.

\*\* Note: Data relating to pupils Staying in Employment, Education or Training shows the number of pupils who either stayed in education or went into employment after finishing key stage 4 (after year 11, usually aged 16). This is published each year with the most recent data available (i.e. the data published in 2023, relates to pupils completing Key Stage 4 in 2021, the data published in 2022, relates to pupils from the 2020 cohort etc.) Provisional 2025 data relates to school leavers in 2023.

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**ATTAINMENT & ASSESSMENTS**

Subject	Level	St Peter's Catholic Comprehensive School (5408)		Local Authority - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole		Gap
		Value		Value		
Reading (test), Writing (TA) & Maths (test)	≥EXS/Exp.Std.	67.7%		62.7%		+5.0%
	GDS/High Score	9.7%		10.9%		-1.2%
Reading	≥Exp.Std.	85.5%		75.9%		+9.6%
	High Score	40.3%		35.5%		+4.8%
Writing (TA)	≥EXS	82.3%		74.0%		+8.3%
	GDS	12.9%		15.6%		-2.7%
Maths (test)	≥Exp.Std.	79.0%		74.5%		+4.5%
	High Score	38.7%		27.0%		+11.7%

**YEAR 1 PHONICS DATA**

Etab. No.	Etab. Name	Indicator	Average of Years	Values (& YoY* vs Self)		
				2023	2024	2025
		Cohort	3719	3,880	3,689	3,589
				-	-191	-100
	Local Authority - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	WA	80.6%	78.7%	81.3%	81.9%
				-	+2.6%	+0.6%
		APS	0.3	33.2	33.7	33.7
				-	+0.5	0.0
		Cohort	60	60	60	60
				-	0	0
5408	St Peter's Catholic Comprehensive School	WA	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%	90.0%
				-	0.0%	0.0%
		APS	0.3	34.8	35.2	34.8
				-	+0.4	-0.4

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**EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE DATA**

Item	St Peter's Catholic Comprehensive School (5408)		Local Authority - Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	
	Value		Value	Gap
<b>Good Level of Development</b> ●	74.6%		71.5%	+3.1%
<b>Average no. ELGs at expected</b>	15.6		14.5	+1.1
<b>All Goals, Exp+</b>	74.6%		70.9%	+3.7%
<b>Prime Goals, Exp+</b>	74.6%		78.8%	-4.2%
<b>Com. &amp; Lang. Goals, Exp+</b> ●	81.4%		82.6%	-1.2%
<b>PSE Goals, Exp+</b> ●	79.7%		85.8%	-6.1%
<b>Phys. Dev. Goals, Exp+</b> ●	88.1%		87.0%	+1.1%
<b>Specific Goals, Exp+</b>	83.1%		71.8%	+11.3%
<b>Literacy Goals, Exp+</b> ●	83.1%		72.8%	+10.3%
<b>Maths Goals, Exp+</b> ●	93.2%		80.7%	+12.5%
<b>Und. The World Goals, Exp+</b>	98.3%		83.6%	+14.7%
<b>Exp. Arts &amp; Des. Goals, Exp+</b>	98.3%		88.6%	+9.7%

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**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Financial review**

*Financial position*

The accounts show that the main incoming resources were obtained from the Department of Education (DfE) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants of £11,936,454 received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2025 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. By the date of this report the DfE income, together with £600,459 of grant payments from the local authorities has been fully spent on the main purpose of the School in carrying out its key objectives.

Additionally, income from other trading activities including catering, visit and trip, exam fee, lettings and other school activities income was £395,932 and income from donations was £11,494. These income sources are shown as Unrestricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities. A further £27,095 is restricted.

The main expenditure was on staff salaries totalling £10,862,544 Other significant expenditure was £252,904 on technology consumables and licences and £1,028,575 on premises costs.

The expenditure exceeded the income in the year to 31 August 2025 by £568,774 (excluding pension and CIF funds).

The School, on transfer to Academy status, inherited a liability in the Local Government Pension Scheme. The current liability is nil in comparison to £1,403,000 in 2024. The triennial Actuarial valuation of the pension scheme as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, is the basis for the School's pension contribution rate from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. The percentage contribution rate includes an element towards repaying the liability in addition to supporting ongoing membership commitments. The pension actuary has reassured members that they do not deem the deficit to be a significant issue in the short term if the scheme has a maintained or growing membership.

*Investment policy and objectives*

The Articles of Association give the School the power to make investments. The School's Investment Policy is to deposit money, which is not required to cover anticipated expenditure, on short term deposit. The objective is to maximise the School's income with minimal risk to the School's cash. Current economic conditions mean that investment returns from these type of accounts are limited for the School, but during the year interest of £5,142 was earned from short term deposits.

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**Financial review**

*Reserves policy*

The School does not plan to hold large reserves. It is intended that the grant funding received each year should be expended in the same year to support the delivery of education for its current pupils.

At 31 August 2025, the School has Unrestricted General Funds of £208,237 and Restricted General Funds of (£415,463). The Academy Trust will reach the end of a 3-year energy contract in October 2025. Energy prices are significantly higher since 2021. As a result, the Academy Trust has needed to utilise the reserves to cover the increased energy costs.

The Governors and the School Leadership team review the level of reserves annually. This review considers the nature of income and expenditure streams and the level of these income streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of the reserves. The reserves are considered carefully in light of the future plans for the School. The current level of free reserves is considered adequate working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to cover unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance.

**The restricted fund that can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets is £ 178,483**

**Going concern**

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

**Fundraising**

The School prides itself on not only academic success but creating a school ethos with relationships and community at its heart. A part of this is to actively involve all pupils to get involved in fundraising activities for both local and international charities. Fundraising activities, including mufti days, support both the Brother Lionel charity Reaching the Unreached, in India and our partner school, Shea O'Connor Combined School, in South Africa. In India, the funds raised support the work of outreach workers who work with children in remote and under-developed parts of Tamil Nadu. In South Africa the focus is on supporting the partner school in development of the curriculum and school resources.

No professional fundraisers are used by the School and all fundraising activities are designed to ensure that pupils can participate in the activity without a financial contribution, should this not be possible.

The School asks parents of pupils and friends of St Peter's for annual voluntary donations to support the work of the School. These funds are received both directly into St Peter's and also into St Peter's Lasallian School Trust, a company under common control. In the year to 31 August 2025, £11,494 was collected from voluntary donations.

**Principal risks and uncertainties**

The School has a Risk Register which is reviewed regularly by the School Leadership Team and FRP. The register including risks related to the operations and finances of the School, are constantly reviewed in the light of any new information and then formally reviewed by the Governors annually.

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**Principal risks and uncertainties**

The Governors and School Leadership Team have assessed the major risks to which the School is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, compliance and operational areas. Systems have been implemented that assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls. The School has ensured that they have adequate levels of insurance or risk protection arrangement cover which meets the guidance issued by the ESFA.

The continuing principal risks to the finances of the School are the uncertainties surrounding the future funding levels from the ESFA and the increasing employment, premises and energy costs. The funding formula on which our main income grant is based and the arrangements for funding post-16 pupils and special needs pupils are under constant consultation for change. Budgets are expected to become increasingly tight in future years. Governors and the School Leadership Team examine the financial health of the School on a regular basis, reviewing performance against budgets and ensuring that cash flow forecasts include all known and anticipated commitments.

**Future plans**

The School has an Improvement Plan in place that sets overall future direction and takes account of the requirement for the School to meet nationally set targets. Development of teaching and learning and raising of standards continues to be pursued in accordance with the targets set within the School's Improvement Plan, produced by the Senior Leadership Team in consultation with the Governing Body.

The School continues to focus on the following action points:

1. Quality of Education
  - Embed teaching and learning strategy at the secondary, and identify key learning in Geography, History and Science at the primary
2. Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development
  - Enhance our school climate for staff and students
3. Leadership and Management
  - Continue to implement strategies that will enable the school to respond to the challenging financial climate
4. Leadership and management
  - Ensure precise assessment of children's attainment
5. CSI (Section 48) Focus
  - Prepare for the 2025/26 CSI inspection

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Charity constitution**

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The Academy Trust is known as St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust.

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The Governors are the trustees of St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. Details of the Governors who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

**Members' liability**

Each member of the Academy Trust undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Academy Trust in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

**Trustees' Indemnities**

The Academy Trust has purchased Governors' Liability insurance of £5,000,000 and Fidelity Guarantee cover of £1,000,000 for Governors and Employees.

**Method of recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The Diocese (the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth) and the De La Salle Brothers (the Province of Great Britain of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools) may each appoint in total such equal number of Directors as shall ensure that the number of Foundation Directors exceed the total of all other Directors by two. The Parent Governors are elected by parents/carers of registered pupils at the Academy. A Parent Governor must be a parent/carer of a pupil at the Academy at the time when s/he is elected. The Headteacher is treated for all purposes as being an ex-officio Governor. Up to three additional Staff Governors may be elected by all staff. Three co-opted Governors are in office and were appointed according to particular skills, experience and competencies that they continue to offer for the period to 31 August 2025.

**Organisational structure**

St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust (informally known as St Peter's Catholic School) has a Governing Body, the composition of which is set out in the Academy Trust's Articles of Association. The School has five main Governor Committees and Panels: Finance, Resources and Premises Committee; Appraisal Panel; Pay Committee; Pupil Welfare and Catholicity Committee; and Teaching, Learning and Achievement Committee. The School will also call on members of the Governing Body to sit on the Staff Dismissals and Staff Discipline and Grievance Committees and Staff Dismissals and Staff Discipline and Grievance Appeal Committees on an ad hoc basis whenever the need for such a committee arises. The Governing Body and its Committees have Terms of Reference which are reviewed annually and contain details of meeting dates, compositions, responsibilities, delegated authorities and matters reserved for the Governing Body itself.

The Senior Leadership Team comprises of those persons listed on page 1. Their roles and responsibilities are reviewed annually by the Governing Body as a part of the School Improvement Plan. Financial and other authorities are confirmed annually by the Governing Body.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Induction and training of new trustees**

The Governing Body has adopted a protocol that indicates how induction of new Governors will be undertaken. A review of the induction process is currently underway. This includes a formal programme of training and assignment of a mentor. Development training of Governors occurs on a continuous basis through the year. Training is monitored by a Governor with special responsibility for Governor Training and Induction. Reports are made to routine Governing Body meetings.

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**Setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel**

**The Individual School Range (ISR)**

In accordance with the regulations set out in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document 2011, the School's ISR has been determined as Group 8, L28 - L43. Within this range, the Governing Body has set the current Headteacher range as L37 - L43.

The ISR will be re-determined prior to the appointment of a new Headteacher, or if the School Group changes. The scale point range will always be separated from any of the other leadership pay ranges by at least one point.

**Annual Review of Performance & Salaries**

The Pay Committee will review the performance of the Senior Leadership Team each year in the light of previously agreed performance objectives. These objectives will relate, in particular, to School leadership and management and pupil progress.

A salary point will be awarded where objectives are met and there has been sustained high quality of overall performance, within the confines of the specific scale ranges of the team. It will be backdated to 1st September, if determined at a later date.

In the unlikely event that performance objectives cannot be agreed, they will be imposed by the Pay Committee, but only as a last resort after all other procedures, including the appeals procedure, have been exhausted. In such cases the Senior Leadership Team member is entitled to submit a written statement giving reasons why he or she could not agree to the objectives set.

**Engagement with Employees (including disabled persons)**

The policy in respect of applications for employment from disabled persons is that all persons shall be treated equally when they make an application to the Trust. The Trust will seek to make reasonable adjustments to recruitment and working practice and will not discriminate on grounds of disability. The Trust will support employees who become disabled and promote the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons in line with its wider equality duties.

The Trust engages with employees through many means and methods, including:

- Common and shared INSET days and training opportunities
- Staff are informed and involved in the day-to-day operation and development of the school. This is done through regular staff meetings; subject, year and leadership meetings, training sessions; INSET days; internal and external communications. The performance of the school is shared and owned by all staff at the school.

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**Trade union facility time**

This information is published in accordance with the provisions of the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017 because the academy had a full-time equivalent employee number of more than 49 throughout the entirety of any seven of the months within the year ended 31 August 2025.

**Relevant union officials**

**Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period**

3

**Full-time equivalent employee number**

3

**Percentage of time spent on facility time**

**Percentage of time**

0%

1-50%

51-99%

100%

**Number of employees**

Nil

3

Nil

Nil

**Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time**

Total cost of facility time

£

1,645

Total pay bill

10,636,870

Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time, calculated as:

$(\text{total cost of facility time} \div \text{total pay bill}) \times 100$

0.02%

**Paid trade union activities**

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated as:

$(\text{total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period} \div \text{total paid facility time hours}) \times 100$

2%

**Related parties**

The School is not part of a wider network such as a soft federation, whereby the relationship involved would have an impact on the School's operational policies. The School has not established any relationships with related parties and any other charities/organisations with which it co-operates in the pursuit of charitable activities such that they have influence over operational policies other than with the Diocese (the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth) and the De La Salle Brothers (the Province of Great Britain of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools).

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**FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN FOR OTHERS**

The School does not hold assets in safe custody or act as custodian trustee for any other organisation.

**STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Carter & Coley Limited, were proposed and appointed at the December 2021 Annual General Meeting.

Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 10th December 2025 and signed on the board's behalf by:



N Sharp  
Chair of Governors

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**Scope of Responsibility**

As Governors we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Governing Body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. He is also responsible for reporting to the Governing Body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

**Governance**

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' Report and in the Statement of Governors' Responsibilities. The Governing Body and Governing Body Working Groups have formally met 10 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Governing Body was as follows:

Name	Attended	Out of a possible
B Doyle, Headteacher & Accounting Officer	6	7
N Sharp Chair	7	7
R Belcher	5	7
K Allen	6	7
C Chastney	3	7
P Booth	4	7
L McDonald	7	7
T Allen	2	7
P Evans	4	7
G Whitworth	5	7
Fr J Nelson	4	7
A Alderson	7	7
A Silveria	4	7
S Hayes	4	7
J Gallagher	5	7

The Board operates in conjunction with a system of committees, which meet throughout the year. The Chair of the Finance, Resources and Premises Committee meets monthly with the Finance Manager and School Business Manager and reviews the budget.

The Governing Body delegated responsibility for functions set out in approved Terms of Reference to a number of Governing Body appointed Committees and Working Groups. The key ones were: Finance, Resources and Premises; Pay; Student Welfare and Catholicity; and, Teaching, Learning and Achievement. Formal reports are presented to the routine Governing Body meetings that take place towards the end of each term. Details of the business undertaken and attendance are contained within the related minutes.

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Changes to The Board during the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 were as follows:-

- Jonathan Downes was appointed as a Staff Governor on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The areas of Governing Body oversight and focus for the coming 12 months are documented in the School's Improvement Plan:-

1. Develop our Teaching and Learning vision to enable more effective delivery of our curriculum
2. Improving parental engagement ensuring that the area of SEND and curriculum are a focus
3. Market and recruit to improve our financial stability
4. Strengthen ethos by focusing on relationships and belonging
5. Further develop pupil participation and leadership

Key challenges the Governing Body will continue to provide strategic oversight for remain:

1. Maintain and improve the school's sites and buildings

In the Summer term, the Governing Body undertook an internal self-assessment of its performance. Comprising an audit of members' skills and knowledge, feedback from stakeholders (including staff, parents and pupils) and analysis of its performance, an action plan to further strengthen the Governing Body's capability and competency was approved.

The Finance, Resources and Premises Committee is a sub-committee of the main Governing Body. Its purposes include scrutinising the annual budget and recommending to the Governing Body, monitoring spending against the budget, and ensuring that the School maintains adequate financial management processes and controls. The committee also directs the work of the Internal Auditor, and reviews the statutory financial statements and the results of the external audit.

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Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Name	Total meetings attended	Out of a possible
R Belcher	5	5
P Booth	5	5
B Doyle (Headteacher, attended as Accounting Officer)	5	5
C Chastney	3	5
N Sharp	5	5
S Hayes	3	5

The following Governors also attended one FRP meeting

Name	Total meetings attended	Out of a possible
P Evans	1	1

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**Review of Value for Money**

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Governing Body where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available.

The Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Continuous review of staffing requirements for Management, Teaching and Associate Staff
- Review of contracts
- Ongoing review of purchasing arrangements in consultation with buying consortiums where required
- Using Pupil Premium expenditure to reduce the educational achievement gap between PP and non PP pupils
- Introduction of energy efficiency practises eg rolling replacement of lights, new reduced cost energy contract

**The Purpose of the System of Internal Control**

The School's system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of School policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. A system of internal control has been in place at St Peter's Catholic School during the year ended 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

**Capacity to Handle Risk**

The Governing Body reviews the key risks to which the School is exposed, on an annual basis, together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Governing body is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the School's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Governing Body with aspects of detailed scrutiny undertaken, on an annual basis, by the Finance, Resources and Premises Committee of the Governing Body unless there are unusual circumstances which trigger an immediate review.

**The Risk and Control Framework**

The Academy Trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed by the Governing Body;
- regular reviews by the Finance, Resources and Premises Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;

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**The Risk and Control Framework**

- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has appointed Moores as Internal Auditor.

The reviewer's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial systems. In particular, the checks carried out in the current period included testing of:

- purchasing/payments systems
- high value contracts
- reports submitted to DFE
- fixed assets
- banking arrangements and reconciliations
- transactions with related parties
- grant income
- VAT claims

On a termly basis, the IA reports to the Governing Body through the Finance, Resources and Premises Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities.

The School confirms that the IA has fully delivered their schedule of work as planned. There have been no material control issues arising as a result of the IA's work. Any issues arising have resulted in the production of an action plan to ensure that they are addressed. Such issues have been monitored by Governors with supporting evidence of delivery as may be required.

In line with revised FRC Ethical Standard, Trustees appointed an alternative internal auditor commencing 2020 /2021

**Review of Effectiveness**

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process
- the work of the School Leadership Team which has responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance, Resources and Planning (FRP) Committee and a plan to address any weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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**Conclusion**

Based on the advice of the Audit and Risk Committee and the accounting officer, the Board of Trustees is of the opinion that the Academy Trust has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



N Sharp - Chair of Governors



Mr B Doyle - Accounting Officer

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**STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE  
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As accounting officer of St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the charitable company board of trustees and the Education and the Department for Education (DFE) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the charitable company, under the funding agreement in place between the charitable company and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2024.

I confirm that I and the charitable company board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the charitable company, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the charitable company's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2024.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the board of trustees and DFE.



Mr B Doyle - Accounting Officer

10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES  
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The trustees (who act as governors of St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 - 2025;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from the ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 10th December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



N Sharp - Chair of Governors

# **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF ST PETER'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY TRUST**

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## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education (DfE).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy trust'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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025.

## **Basis for opinion**

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

## **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Other information**

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

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

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

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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 the audit:

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

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

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

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the academy trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries and management bias in making accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included -

Inspecting correspondence with regulators and tax authorities

Discussion with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud

Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities

Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries posted with an unusual account combination, postings by unusual account users or with unusual descriptions

Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their accounting estimates

Completed analytical work, to include comparison with prior periods

Reviewed minutes of Governors meetings and confirmed income sources mentioned were included correctly within the accounts

Reviewing financial statements disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the academy trust'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 academy trust'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 academy trust and the academy trust's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrew A Clark FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Carter & Coley Limited  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
3 Durrant Road  
Bournemouth  
Dorset  
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Date: 10 December 2025

**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO  
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AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement and further to the requirements of the Department for Education (DfE), as included in the extant Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether anything has come to our attention that would suggest, in all material respects, the expenditure disbursed and income received by St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 have not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of the accounting officer of St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust and the reporting accountant**

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education and the Academy Trust Handbook for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the extant Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 have not been applied for the purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

**Approach**

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts issued by DfE, which requires a limited assurance engagement as set out in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the academy trust's income and expenditure.

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**Conclusion**

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 has not been applied for the purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



Carter & Coley  
Chartered Accountants  
Reporting Accountant  
3 Durrant Road  
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Date: 10 December 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

				2025	2024	
		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset fund	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
Donations and capital grants	2	11,494	35,863	-	47,357	433
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Funding for the academy's educational operations	3	326,600	12,564,008	-	12,890,608	12,178,307
Other trading activities	4	69,332	-	-	69,332	48,356
Investment income	5	5,142	-	-	5,142	10,063
<b>Total</b>		<u>412,568</u>	<u>12,599,871</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,012,439</u>	<u>12,237,159</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Academy's educational operations	7	154,191	13,334,306	77,716	13,566,213	13,424,644
<b>Total</b>		<u>154,191</u>	<u>13,334,306</u>	<u>77,716</u>	<u>13,566,213</u>	<u>13,424,644</u>
<b>NET</b>						
<b>INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		258,377	(734,435)	(77,716)	(553,774)	(1,187,485)
Transfers between funds	19	(841,943)	734,156	107,787	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes		-	1,388,000	-	1,388,000	163,000
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		(583,566)	1,387,721	30,071	834,226	(1,024,485)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
Total funds brought forward		791,803	(1,803,184)	148,412	(862,969)	161,516
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>208,237</u>	<u>(415,463)</u>	<u>178,483</u>	<u>(28,743)</u>	<u>(862,969)</u>

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC  
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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 AUGUST 2025**

				2025	2024	
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible assets	12	857	-	178,483	179,340	149,696
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors	13	14,418	337,936	-	352,354	280,643
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>217,218</u>	<u>217,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>434,649</u>	<u>994,577</u>
		231,636	555,367	-	787,003	1,275,220
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(24,256)</u>	<u>(834,972)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(859,228)</u>	<u>(804,138)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>207,380</u>	<u>(279,605)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(72,225)</u>	<u>471,082</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		208,237	(279,605)	178,483	107,115	620,778
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(135,858)	-	(135,858)	(80,747)
<b>PENSION LIABILITY</b>	20	-	-	-	-	(1,403,000)
<b>NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>208,237</u>	<u>(415,463)</u>	<u>178,483</u>	<u>(28,743)</u>	<u>(862,969)</u>

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC  
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**BALANCE SHEET - continued  
31 AUGUST 2025**

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<b>FUNDS</b>	19		
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted income funds		(415,463)	(400,184)
Restricted pension fund		-	(1,403,000)
Restricted fixed asset funds		178,483	148,412
Unrestricted income fund		<u>208,237</u>	<u>791,803</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>(28,743)</u>	<u>(862,969)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 December 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Ms N Sharp - Trustee

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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Cash generated from operations 1	(561,424)	(687,878)
Interest paid	(3,195)	(560)
Interest element of finance lease payments paid	<u>(422)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(565,041)</u>	<u>(688,438)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(107,787)	(10,631)
Capital grants from DfE/EFA	35,863	(8,249)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	-	1,300
Interest received	<u>5,142</u>	<u>10,063</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(66,782)</u>	<u>(7,517)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
New loans in year	-	52,262
Loan repayments in year	(9,854)	(5,560)
New finance lease in year	83,135	-
Finance lease repayment	<u>(1,386)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>71,895</u>	<u>46,702</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		
	(559,928)	(649,253)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>	<u>994,577</u>	<u>1,643,830</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>	<u><u>434,649</u></u>	<u><u>994,577</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC  
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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	<b>(553,774)</b>	<b>(1,187,485)</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	66,760	40,248
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	(35,863)	8,249
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	11,383	177
Interest received	(5,142)	(10,063)
Interest paid	3,195	560
Interest element of hire purchase and finance lease rental payments	422	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(71,711)	958,377
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	38,306	(466,941)
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>(31,000)</u>
<b>Net cash used in operations</b>	<b><u>(561,424)</u></b>	<b><u>(687,878)</u></b>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1/9/24 £	Cash flow £	At 31/8/25 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>994,577</u>	<u>(559,928)</u>	<u>434,649</u>
	<u>994,577</u>	<u>(559,928)</u>	<u>434,649</u>
<b>Debt</b>			
Finance leases	-	(81,749)	(81,749)
Debts falling due within 1 year	(9,697)	(157)	(9,854)
Debts falling due after 1 year	<u>(80,747)</u>	<u>10,011</u>	<u>(70,736)</u>
	<u>(90,444)</u>	<u>(71,895)</u>	<u>(162,339)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>904,133</u></b>	<b><u>(631,823)</u></b>	<b><u>272,310</u></b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by the DfE, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### **Going concern**

The Governors assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The Governors make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **Preparation of consolidated financial statements**

The financial statements contain information about the company as an individual charity and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company has taken advantage of Section 405 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts on the grounds that the subsidiary company is not material to the group.

#### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the academy trust has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### **Grants**

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### **Donations**

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance related conditions), where it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### **Other income**

Other income including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the academy trust has provided the goods or services.

#### **Donated fixed assets**

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

Where assets are received by the trust on conversion to an academy, the transferred assets are measured at fair value and recognised in the balance sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the trust. An equal amount of income is recognised as Transfer on conversion within Donations and capital grant income.

#### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the academy trust to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 15% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

The Trust occupies under licence land and buildings owned by Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees and the Trustees of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (De La Salle) - Great Britain. Based on the guidance given in the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 the Directors are of the opinion that these premises fail to meet the control requirement in order to be recognised as an asset and therefore these properties have not been recognised in these financial statements.

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

#### **Financial instruments**

The academy trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the academy trust and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in the notes to the financial statements. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank - is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

#### **Taxation**

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11, Chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the academy trust. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

# ST PETER'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### **Leasing commitments**

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the Balance Sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### **Pensions benefits**

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary based on quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme, and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high-quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to net income/(expenditure) are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

#### **Liabilities**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the academy trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

**Liabilities**

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.

**Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The academy trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2025. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

**2. DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	11,494	8,682
Grants	<u>35,863</u>	<u>(8,249)</u>
	<u>47,357</u>	<u>433</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Capital Grants	<u>35,863</u>	<u>(8,249)</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**3. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>				
General Annual Grant(GAG)	-	10,622,304	10,622,304	10,426,059
Pupil Premium	-	293,128	293,128	316,018
Mainstream Schools Additional Grant	-	-	-	292,925
Core schools budget grant	-	317,512	317,512	-
UIFSM	-	76,962	76,962	76,912
Teachers Pay Grant	-	149,831	149,831	150,038
Teachers Pension Employer Contribution Grant	-	284,616	284,616	161,664
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	192,101	192,101	116,564
	<u>-</u>	<u>11,936,454</u>	<u>11,936,454</u>	<u>11,540,180</u>
<b>Other Government grant</b>				
Local Authority Grants	-	600,459	600,459	345,009
<b>Other income from the academy trust's educational operations</b>	<u>326,600</u>	<u>27,095</u>	<u>353,695</u>	<u>293,118</u>
	<u><u>326,600</u></u>	<u><u>12,564,008</u></u>	<u><u>12,890,608</u></u>	<u><u>12,178,307</u></u>

Further analysis of grant income can be found in note 19.

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2025 £	2024 £
Hire of facilities	<u>69,332</u>	<u>48,356</u>

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>5,142</u>	<u>10,063</u>

**6. EXPENDITURE**

				2025	2024
	Staff costs	Non-pay expenditure		Total	Total
	£	Premises	Other costs	£	£
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
<b>Academy's educational operations</b>					
Direct costs	9,415,668	-	574,002	9,989,670	9,687,261
Allocated support costs	<u>1,446,876</u>	<u>1,028,575</u>	<u>1,101,092</u>	<u>3,576,543</u>	<u>3,737,383</u>
	<u>10,862,544</u>	<u>1,028,575</u>	<u>1,675,094</u>	<u>13,566,213</u>	<u>13,424,644</u>

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	8,300	8,000
Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	2,010	1,940
Depreciation - owned assets	39,076	40,248
Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts and finance leases	27,684	-
Hire of plant and machinery	77,542	83,488
Deficit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>11,383</u>	<u>177</u>

**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	143,787	9,845,883	9,989,670	9,687,261
Support costs	<u>10,404</u>	<u>3,566,139</u>	<u>3,576,543</u>	<u>3,737,383</u>
	<u>154,191</u>	<u>13,412,022</u>	<u>13,566,213</u>	<u>13,424,644</u>

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**7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS - continued**

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
<b>Analysis of support costs</b>		
Support staff costs	1,446,876	1,225,485
Depreciation	78,143	40,425
Technology costs	252,904	169,255
Premises costs	1,028,575	1,551,041
Other support costs	759,735	741,237
Governance costs	<u>10,310</u>	<u>9,940</u>
 Total support costs	 <u><u>3,576,543</u></u>	 <u><u>3,737,383</u></u>

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	7,658,185	7,516,882
Social security costs	822,007	717,216
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	1,947,207	1,743,653
Apprenticeship levy	<u>23,498</u>	<u>22,892</u>
 Supply teacher costs	 10,450,897	 10,000,643
Staff development	209,471	128,386
External providers	<u>6,412</u>	<u>61,520</u>
	<u>195,764</u>	<u>145,615</u>
	<u><u>10,862,544</u></u>	<u><u>10,336,164</u></u>

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the academy trust during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Teachers	126	125
Administration and support	139	143
Management	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u><u>274</u></u>	<u><u>278</u></u>

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**8. STAFF COSTS - continued**

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

	2025	2024
£60,001 - £70,000	8	5
£70,001 - £80,000	5	3
£80,001 - £90,000	1	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	1
£130,001 - £140,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u><u>16</u></u>	<u><u>11</u></u>

All of the above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. During the period ended 31 August 2025 pension contributions for these staff amounted to £345,131 (2024 £218,036).

**KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the Governors and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £1,439,812 (2024: £1,241,628).

**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

The Headteacher and other staff Governors only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Headteacher and staff Governors and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other Governors did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the academy trust in respect of their role as Governors. The value of Governors' remuneration (in bands of £5,000) was as follows:

	2025		2024	
	Salary	Pension Cont'n	Salary	Pens Cont'n
B Doyle	£135,001 - £140,000	£35,001 - £40,000	£125,001 - £130,000	£30,001 - £35,000
C Chastney	£50,001 - £55,000	£10,001 - £15,000	£50,001 - £55,000	£10,001 - £15,000
S Cecchinato	-	-	£15,001 - £20,000	£1 - £5,000
J Downes	£30,001 - £35,000	£5,001 - £10,000	-	-

In addition C Chastney also participates in the Cycle to Work Scheme.

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**10. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE**

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy has purchased insurance to protect Governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the period ended 31 August 2025 was £486 (2024 £428). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and capital grants	6,039	(5,606)	-	433
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Funding for the academy's educational operations	293,118	11,885,189	-	12,178,307
Other trading activities	48,356	-	-	48,356
Investment income	10,063	-	-	10,063
<b>Total</b>	<u>357,576</u>	<u>11,879,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,237,159</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>				
Academy's educational operations	139,544	13,245,102	39,998	13,424,644
<b>Total</b>	<u>139,544</u>	<u>13,245,102</u>	<u>39,998</u>	<u>13,424,644</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	218,032	(1,365,519)	(39,998)	(1,187,485)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	(236,831)	227,500	9,331	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>				
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes	-	163,000	-	163,000
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	(18,799)	(975,019)	(30,667)	(1,024,485)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward	810,602	(828,165)	179,079	161,516
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>791,803</u>	<u>(1,803,184)</u>	<u>148,412</u>	<u>(862,969)</u>

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**12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2024	411,065	5,195	341,371	757,631
Additions	15,102	-	92,685	107,787
Disposals	<u>(19,249)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(975)</u>	<u>(20,224)</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>406,918</u>	<u>5,195</u>	<u>433,081</u>	<u>845,194</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2024	265,041	5,195	337,699	607,935
Charge for year	32,753	-	34,007	66,760
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(7,866)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(975)</u>	<u>(8,841)</u>
At 31 August 2025	<u>289,928</u>	<u>5,195</u>	<u>370,731</u>	<u>665,854</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2025	<u>116,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,350</u>	<u>179,340</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>146,024</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,672</u>	<u>149,696</u>

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under finance leases are as follows:

	Computer equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
Additions	<u>83,135</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Charge for year	<u>27,684</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2025	<u>55,451</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>-</u>

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**13. DEBTORS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	7,171	3,140
Other debtors	1,419	1,602
VAT	76,627	72,949
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>263,426</u>	<u>198,281</u>
	<u>348,643</u>	<u>275,972</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Other debtors	<u>3,711</u>	<u>4,671</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>352,354</u>	<u>280,643</u>

**14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans (see note 16)	9,854	9,697
Finance leases (see note 17)	16,627	-
Trade creditors	213,151	198,694
Social security and other taxes	185,170	156,781
Pension contributions	220,662	212,832
Other creditors	29,051	42,850
Accruals and deferred income	<u>184,713</u>	<u>183,284</u>
	<u>859,228</u>	<u>804,138</u>
	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income as at 1 September 2024	45,106	45,287
Resources deferred in year	45,417	45,106
Amounts released from previous years	<u>(45,106)</u>	<u>(45,287)</u>
Deferred income as at 31 August 2025	<u>45,417</u>	<u>45,106</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds in advance in respect of grants contributions received for the 2025/26 academic year.

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**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other loans (see note 16)	70,736	80,747
Finance leases (see note 17)	<u>65,122</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><b>135,858</b></u>	<u><b>80,747</b></u>

**16. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>9,854</u>	<u>9,697</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>9,854</u>	<u>9,912</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>27,053</u>	<u>31,145</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5yrs instal	33,829	39,690

Included in the above is £12,034 (2024 £12,542) in connection with a Salix loan. This loan is interest free and repayable over eight years.

There is also £80,590 (2024 £77,902) in respect of loans from the DfE under the Condition Improvement Fund. Interest is charged at circa 1.9% over ten years.

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**17. HIRE PURCHASE AND FINANCE LEASES**

Minimum lease payments under finance leases fall due as follows:

	<b>Finance leases</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gross obligations repayable:		
Within one year	21,691	-
Between one and five years	<u>84,955</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>106,646</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
Finance charges repayable:		
Within one year	5,064	-
Between one and five years	<u>19,833</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>24,897</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
Net obligations repayable:		
Within one year	16,627	-
Between one and five years	<u>65,122</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>81,749</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

**18. MEMBERS' LIABILITY**

Each member of the academy trust undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they cease to be a member.



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**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Restricted income funds</b>				
General restricted fund	10,649,399	(11,416,625)	-	(767,226)
Rates relief	57,284	(57,284)	-	-
Pupil premium	293,128	(225,172)	-	67,956
Other DfE/ESFA grants	48,156	(66,174)	-	(18,018)
PE & sport premium	19,630	(29,970)	-	(10,340)
UIFSM	76,962	(76,962)	-	-
Teachers pay grant	149,831	(149,831)	-	-
Teachers pension employer contribution grant	284,616	(284,616)	-	-
National insurance contributions grant	67,031	(67,031)	-	-
Core Schools Budget Grant	317,512	(317,512)	-	-
LEA and other grants	600,459	(600,590)	-	(131)
Devolved formula capital fund	35,863	(51,475)	-	(15,612)
Primary Chapel	-	(644)	-	(644)
Library	-	(4,790)	-	(4,790)
Shea O Connor school	-	(630)	-	(630)
<b>Restricted pension fund</b>	-	15,000	1,388,000	1,403,000
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>				
Capital grants	-	(11,074)	-	(11,074)
Capital expenditure from GAG	-	(66,642)	-	(66,642)
	<u>12,599,871</u>	<u>(13,412,022)</u>	<u>1,388,000</u>	<u>575,849</u>
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>				
General fund	412,568	(154,191)	-	258,377
	<u>13,012,439</u>	<u>(13,566,213)</u>	<u>1,388,000</u>	<u>834,226</u>

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**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1/9/23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/24 £
<b>Restricted income funds</b>				
General restricted fund	(144,417)	(734,462)	227,500	(651,379)
Pupil premium	56,090	53,584	-	109,674
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	23,014	-	23,014
PE & sport premium	16,742	2,758	-	19,500
LEA and other grants	9,369	-	-	9,369
Devolved formula capital fund	82,824	(47,425)	-	35,399
Condition improvement fund	637,580	(637,580)	-	-
COVID-19 Additional Funding (non DfE/ESFA)	1,739	(400)	-	1,339
Primary Chapel	12,873	(6,450)	-	6,423
Library	48,395	(23,856)	-	24,539
Shea O Connor school	47,640	(25,702)	-	21,938
<b>Restricted pension fund</b>	(1,597,000)	194,000	-	(1,403,000)
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>				
Capital grants	60,041	(16,185)	-	43,856
Capital expenditure from GAG	119,038	(23,813)	9,331	104,556
	<u>(649,086)</u>	<u>(1,242,517)</u>	<u>236,831</u>	<u>(1,654,772)</u>
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>				
General fund	810,602	218,032	(236,831)	791,803
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>161,516</u>	<u>(1,024,485)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(862,969)</u>

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**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Restricted income funds</b>				
General restricted fund	10,707,814	(11,442,276)	-	(734,462)
Rates relief	54,542	(54,542)	-	-
Pupil premium	316,018	(262,434)	-	53,584
Other DfE/ESFA grants	53,602	(30,588)	-	23,014
PE & sport premium	19,590	(16,832)	-	2,758
UIFSM	76,912	(76,912)	-	-
Teachers pay grant	150,038	(150,038)	-	-
Teachers pension employer contribution grant	161,664	(161,664)	-	-
LEA and other grants	345,009	(345,009)	-	-
Devolved formula capital fund	36,470	(83,895)	-	(47,425)
Condition improvement fund	(44,719)	(592,861)	-	(637,580)
COVID-19 Additional Funding (non DfE/ESFA)	-	(400)	-	(400)
Primary Chapel	-	(6,450)	-	(6,450)
Library	-	(23,856)	-	(23,856)
Shea O Connor school	2,643	(28,345)	-	(25,702)
<b>Restricted pension fund</b>	-	31,000	163,000	194,000
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>				
Capital grants	-	(16,185)	-	(16,185)
Capital expenditure from GAG	-	(23,813)	-	(23,813)
	<u>11,879,583</u>	<u>(13,285,100)</u>	<u>163,000</u>	<u>(1,242,517)</u>
<b>Unrestricted fund</b>				
General fund	357,576	(139,544)	-	218,032
	<u>12,237,159</u>	<u>(13,424,644)</u>	<u>163,000</u>	<u>(1,024,485)</u>

The academy trust is carrying a net deficit of £684,449 on restricted general funds because the academy trust has just exited an expensive 3 year energy contract. A new cheaper contract commenced October 2025. The previous renewal was due in summer 2021; unfortunately, this was at the height of the energy crisis with the significant price increases at that time. During 2022 the government awarded schools additional funding to help alleviate some of the pressure of these price increases. This funding was not continued into 2024 or 2025 and as a result the significant increases in the energy bills have been absorbed from the trust reserves. The academy trust requested an SRMA review from the DfE during 2022. The resultant recommendations in relation to possible financial savings from areas within the trust had been implemented throughout 2023/2024. In addition the academy trust has been implementing their own identified efficiencies to help reduce the financial burden.

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**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

The current energy contract expired in September 2025, a new contract has been struck with prices returning to levels experienced pre the crisis peak in 2021. This will reduce the energy bills substantially, reducing the need to take funds from the reserves for these bills. In addition the efficiency initiatives will continue enabling greater opportunity for funds to be replenished in the reserves.

The Academy has not taken out any further CIF grants in 2024-2025. They returned an underspend of £44,719 related to the previous year's CIF grant

Grants have also been received for improvements to the library and primary chapel, and for the projects that the Trust supports at the Shea O'Connor School in Africa.

Included in the balance carried forward on restricted general funds is £9,238 (2024, £9,369) in respect of various projects including LASSIE, Stem Enthuse and Sport England.

**20. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS**

The academy trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Dorset County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and of the LGPS to the period ended 31 March 2022.

Contributions amounting to £220,662 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2025 (2024 - £212,832) and are included within creditors.

**Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme to which both the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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**20. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued**

**Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to ensure scheme costs are recognised and managed appropriately and the review specifies the level of future contributions.

Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 27 October 2023, with the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, applying a notional investment return based on 1.7% above the rate of CPI. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- Employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). This is an increase of 5% in employer contributions and the cost control result is such that no change in member benefits is needed.
- Total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million.

The result of this valuation was implemented on 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2027.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £1,515,313 (2024 - £1,326,004).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Accordingly, the academy trust has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

**Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2025 was £644,454 (2024 - £659,460), of which employer's contributions totalled £517,093 (2024 - £530,402). and employees' contributions totalled £127,361 (2024 - £129,058). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 23.60 per cent for employers and 12.50 per cent for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of an academy trust closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

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**20. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued**

The amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

	<b>Defined benefit pension plans</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Present value of funded obligations	<b>(8,047,000)</b>	(8,469,000)
Fair value of plan assets	<u><b>8,047,000</b></u>	<u>7,066,000</u>
	-	(1,403,000)
Present value of unfunded obligations	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deficit	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,403,000)</u>
Net liability	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(1,403,000)</u></u>

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	<b>Defined benefit pension plans</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current service cost	<b>439,000</b>	424,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	<b>424,000</b>	395,000
Past service cost	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><b>863,000</b></u>	<u>819,000</u>
Actual return on plan assets	<u><b>625,000</b></u>	<u>740,000</u>

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**20. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued**

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	<b>Defined benefit pension plans</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening defined benefit obligation	8,469,000	7,513,000
Current service cost	439,000	424,000
Contributions by scheme participants	127,000	129,000
Interest cost	424,000	395,000
Benefits paid	(283,000)	(245,000)
Impact of asset ceiling	732,000	-
Remeasurements:		
Actuarial gains/(losses) from changes in demographic assumptions	(128,000)	(17,000)
Actuarial gains/(losses) from changes in financial assumptions	(1,805,000)	310,000
Experience gain/(loss) on defined pension obligations	<u>72,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>
	<u><b>8,047,000</b></u>	<u><b>8,469,000</b></u>

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	<b>Defined benefit pension plans</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening fair value of scheme assets	7,066,000	5,916,000
Contributions by employer	517,000	530,000
Contributions by scheme participants	127,000	129,000
Administration expenses	(5,000)	(4,000)
Benefits paid	(283,000)	(245,000)
Interest on assets	366,000	324,000
Return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	<u>259,000</u>	<u>416,000</u>
	<u><b>8,047,000</b></u>	<u><b>7,066,000</b></u>

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**20. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued**

The amounts recognised in other recognised gains and losses are as follows:

	<b>Defined benefit pension plans</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Actuarial gains/(losses) from changes in demographic assumptions	128,000	17,000
Actuarial gains/(losses) from changes in financial assumptions	1,805,000	(310,000)
Experience gain/(loss) on defined pension obligations	(72,000)	40,000
Return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	<u>259,000</u>	<u>416,000</u>
	<u><b>2,120,000</b></u>	<u><b>163,000</b></u>

The major categories of scheme assets as amounts of total scheme assets are as follows:

	<b>Defined benefit pension plans</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Equities	5,139,000	4,461,000
Diversified Growth Fund	517,000	463,000
Other Bonds	514,000	462,000
Cash	192,000	119,000
Infrastructure	587,000	518,000
Property	531,000	544,000
Multi Asset Credit	<u>567,000</u>	<u>499,000</u>
	<u><b>8,047,000</b></u>	<u><b>7,066,000</b></u>

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
Discount rate	<b>5.95%</b>	5.05%
Future salary increases	<b>3.50%</b>	3.85%
Future pension increases	<b>2.50%</b>	2.85%
C.P.I.	<b>2.50%</b>	2.85%
Commutation of benefits to lump sums	<b>50.00%</b>	50.00%

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**20. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued**

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2025	2024
Retiring today		
Males	22.2	21.8
Females	23	23.9
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	23.8	23.1
Females	24.8	25.3
 Sensitivity analysis		
	2025	2024
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	(9,000)	(148,000)
Discount rate -0.1%	10,000	152,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	9,000	249,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(8,000)	(242,000)
CPI rate +0.1%	10,000	149,000
CPI rate -0.1%	(9,000)	(145,000)

**21. LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING OPERATING LEASES**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	45,336	89,307
Between one and five years	-	65,468
	45,336	154,775

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**22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Owing to the nature of the Trust's operations and the composition of the board of governors being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions take place with organisations in which a trustee may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

During the year M Chastney, son of a trustee, C Chastney, continued to be employed as a site team assistant. C Chastney was not involved in the decision making process regarding appointment. M Chastney is paid within the normal pay scale for his role and receives no special treatment as a result of his relationship to a trustee.

During the year C Gallagher, wife of a trustee, J Gallagher, continued to be employed as a primary school teaching assistant. J Gallagher was not involved in the decision making process regarding appointment. C Gallagher is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship to a trustee.

St Peter's Lasallian School Trust, a company under common control, donated £776 (2024 £1,000) to the Trust.

The trust has an agreement with the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth for the provision of support services. The charge for the year was £12,501 (2024 £12,516).

All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying DfE of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

**23. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The academy trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the DfE. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2025 the trust received £14,259 (2024 £18,373) and disbursed £23,295 (2024 £17,779 from the fund, the balance of £6,484 (2024 £15,520) being carried forward. An amount of £856 (2024 £919) has been recognised as an administration of the funds.

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**24. COMPARATIVES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

Comparative information in respect of the preceding period is as follows:

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset fund	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	1,284	-	148,412	149,696
Current assets	790,519	484,701	-	1,275,220
Current liabilities	-	(804,138)	-	(804,138)
Long term liabilities	-	(80,747)	-	(80,747)
Pension liability	-	(1,403,000)	-	(1,403,000)
	<u>791,803</u>	<u>(1,803,184)</u>	<u>148,412</u>	<u>(862,969)</u>

**25. SUBSIDIARY**

No group accounts have been prepared to consolidate the activities of St Peter's Lasallian School Trust (company number 03746203) as the Governors consider that its activities are immaterial.

