

THE CHURCH SCHOOLS OF CAMBRIDGE (THE OLD SCHOOLS)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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The Charity Commissioners granted a Certificate of Incorporation of the Trustees on 14 November 2000.

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CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 311326

EX-OFFICIO TRUSTEES	Rev'd Dr J Bunker Rev'd I Nay Rev'd Dr R Barry Rev'd A Day	Vicar of the Parish of Ascension (St Luke's) Vicar of St Paul's Church Vicar of St Philip's Vicar of St Clements Church
LAY TRUSTEES APPOINTED BY PCCs	Mrs G Ambrose Mr D Farrer ** Mr A MacLellan*, ** Mr M Pettifer **	Parish of Ascension (St Luke's) St Paul's St Philip's (Treasurer and Vice Chair) St Clements
LAY TRUSTEE APPOINTED BY THE DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION	Canon A Read * (until 31 December 2023)	Currently Vacant
TRUSTEES APPOINTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE	Dr K Carne *, ** Mrs P Pritchard OBE *	
TRUSTEE APPOINTED BY SOUTH CAMBRIDGE DEANERY SYNOD	Rev'd P Murray (from 20 February to 30 June 2023)	Currently vacant
TRUSTEE APPOINTED BY NORTH CAMBRIDGE DEANERY SYNOD		Currently Vacant
CO-OPTED TRUSTEE ELECTED BY THE BOARD FOR 5 YEARS	The Rev'd M Roberts* (until 30 June 2023)	Currently Vacant
CHAIRMAN	Mrs P Pritchard OBE	
MANAGEMENT TEAM	Isobel Rawlinson supported by administrator and project officers	
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	c/o St Philip's Church Centre 185 Mill Road, Cambridge, CB1 3AN	
AUDITORS	Prentis & Co LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 115c Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 1XE	
BANKERS	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ	
INVESTMENT MANAGERS	CCLA Investment Management One Angel Lane, London, EC4R 3AB	
SOLICITORS	Ashtons Legal, 77 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8EU	
LINKED CHARITIES	Park Street Church of England Junior Mixed and Infants School (311326-4) St Lukes Church of England School (311326-2) St Pauls Church of England School Junior Mixed Infants (311326-8) St Philips Church of England School (311326-5)	

* denotes member of the Executive Committee

** denotes member of the Finance Committee

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, 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) (second edition published October 2019) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Church Schools of Cambridge (The Trust) is a registered Charity, number 311326 and was founded in 1703 (known as The Old Schools) by the Rev'd William Whiston who raised funds from senior figures at the University to start seven schools which provided schooling for 260 poor children in Cambridge. The Church Schools of Cambridge now owns four primary schools in the City of Cambridge - St Luke's, St Paul's, St Philips and Park Street and has a minority interest in St Bede's Inter-Church School. The main activities of the Trust are the provision of the buildings and financial support and the appointment of Foundation Governors to its four primary schools. The Trust also funds and manages activities that support the general provision of Religious Education and Collective Worship in schools in the Cambridge area and through grants to Sunday Schools.

The Trust was incorporated in November 2000 and is managed by Trustees as outlined in the Charity Commission Scheme of 3rd January 2008. The incumbents of the parishes in which our four schools lie are all Trustees ex officio. Trustees are appointed for 4 years and may be reappointed.

A meeting of full Trustees is generally held two or three times a year. At these meetings Trustees agree strategy, receive project and grant updates and review the financial position. Day to day management of Trust activities is overseen by the Executive Committee of Trustees which, with the Director, implements the agreed strategy, allocates funding and oversees the organisation.

All Trustees give their time freely and once a year disclose all relevant interests, at each meeting any conflict of interest is declared. Where, exceptionally, a Trustee has a material interest in a decision or project, they do not take part in its consideration.

The Trust seeks to support its four primary schools and St Bede's through Head Teachers, governing bodies and staff. It also maintains a relationship with the six other Church of England schools within its area of benefit. It has close links to Churches in Cambridge, particularly with those parishes in which the schools are situated. It has strong mutual links with the Diocese of Ely; the Trust's Director is a co-opted member of the Diocesan Board of Education and the Diocesan Director of Education is a Trustee. Through our support for projects, we have operational links to several local organisations including Acorn, GenR8 and Great St Mary's Heritage Centre.

RISK MANAGEMENT

From time to time the Trustees have considered the major financial and other risks to which the Charity is exposed and have documented these in a risk register. A key risk is the possible impact of changes in school funding and changes in governance arising from the Government's national policy on academies.

The main operational risks include structural problems with our four school buildings. This is addressed by regular structural and condition surveys in order to identify immediate and long term issues and works with the schools with the aim of ensuring that facilities meet the developing needs of the schools, within the prevailing funding constraints.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The vision of the Trust is to, "grow Christian environments where children can learn and flourish". It seeks to undertake this vision in accordance with the objectives listed in the Charity Scheme.

The Trust seeks to achieve these aims both directly and through supporting other organisations. We consider and promote capital projects and support and fund education improvements initiatives in our schools, lead activities such as exhibitions and Footprints of Faith (school walking tours), support activities such as the Diocese educational improvement programme, and initiatives that are led by other organisations. The programme of activities is reviewed annually.

The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit. All Trust activities are undertaken in accordance with its charity objectives, therefore ensuring that they deliver public benefit from the work the Trust offers with its four schools, and its work in partnership with others in the area of benefit.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES/CONTINUED

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees are pleased with the following activities it has been able to support during 2023.

Development, and maintenance of church school buildings

The Trust has continued to support school governors of its four primary schools in the upkeep and development of their buildings by contributing towards the cost of development plans and projects including upgrades to IT facilities. The trust is managing an extensive building remodelling and improvement project at St Philip's school, funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (Section 106) by the Cambridgeshire County Council. This is expected to be completed in the summer of 2024.

Promotion of education in its Cambridge Church Schools

The Trust has continued to provide an annual grant to each of its four Primary Schools and to St Bede's, used for additional activities that support the learning needs of the children.

The Trust previously initiated an additional programme to support school improvement and enable schools to enrich the curriculum for their pupils. An Education sub-committee of Trustees has been established to review support and agree with the schools a programme of added value projects the Trust can support aimed at raising the overall quality of education delivered in the medium term. It is envisaged that this programme will extraordinary commit some of the Trust's accumulated reserves to this area of school support.

The Trust has continued to provide an annual grant to each of its four Primary School and to St Bede's, used for additional activities that support the learning needs of the children.

Other education related projects and grants

The Trust has continued to provide grants to other organisations which support the education of children including the Ely Diocesan Board of Education, Acorn and Great St Mary's Heritage Centre.

The Trust has worked closely with the Diocese of Ely Board of Education to encourage improvements at schools within the Diocese, particularly within Cambridge. Trust support in this area includes; mental health and wellbeing support for pupils and funding Diocese education advisers to support school leadership.

The Trust has delivered RE related sessions during the year, which took place in schools and churches. It has continued to make available on-line resources for schools to use in Religious Education and collective worship. These are not limited to the Trust's schools and are accessed by schools more widely. It has provided bibles and Its Your Move leaflets to Year 6 school leavers in the primary schools within the Trust's Area of Benefit.

The Trust has continued to provide grants to Sunday Schools churches in Cambridge to support their children's work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

All Trust investments are held primarily in order to provide income to fund the work of the Trust with the majority forming our permanent endowment. The Trust's financial support to its four primary schools and wider educational activities is therefore reliant on the income it receives from these investments. This is supplemented with income raised from the solar panels installed at its four primary schools and from rental income. The Trust also acts as an agent on behalf of its four schools in managing Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) a source of state funding towards periodic maintenance, minor capital works and IT resources.

The Trust's total income in 2023 was £536,375 (2022: £402,346).

RESERVES POLICY

The Trust expenditure varies over time according to the opportunity to contribute to repairs, and development work enabled by external (primarily government) funds and partner activity linked to the aims and objectives of the Trust. The Trust through regular budget reviews and forward planning activity aims to keep sufficient reserves to respond to such opportunities as they arise, to accommodate the cash flow requirements of larger capital projects it manages, and to support activities that benefit the children whom we serve. It is the Trustees policy, therefore, to pass surplus income to reserves in years of lower expenditure to enable it to utilise those reserves to fund years of greater development activity.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES/CONTINUED

Each year, Trustees review committed grant and project activity spend it makes to the schools and to other bodies in light of current income, projected expenditure and available resources and Trustees believe its resources are adequate to meet current commitments and potential liabilities.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Church Schools of Cambridge has, through its various schools and education support projects, been supporting primary education in Cambridge for over 300 years and plans to continue to do so in keeping with the aims and objectives referred to above.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources, and application of resources, of the Charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

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

Approved by the Trustees on 10TH July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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A MACLELLAN
HONORARY TREASURER

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH SCHOOLS OF CAMBRIDGE

We have audited the financial statements of The Church Schools of Cambridge for the year ended 31st December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31st December 2023, and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 16 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSION 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 charity'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 other information comprises the information included in the Report of the Trustees, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the Report of the Trustees.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 Report of the Trustees and, in doing so, consider whether the Report of the Trustees is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH SCHOOLS OF CAMBRIDGE

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters to which the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Report of the Trustees; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the 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 Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

PROCEDURES TO IDENTIFY MATERIAL MISSTATEMENTS INCLUDING FRAUD

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with both the management and those charged with governance of the Charity. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We have considered the nature of the industry and sector, control environment, laws and regulations and business performance of the Charity, including Trustee remuneration policies. Laws and regulations considered included, but were not limited to, Charities Act 2011 as far as it impacts on charities.

We have enquired with the management in regards to their own assessment of the risks of irregularities, including fraud. We also enquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.

We obtained relevant documentation and representations in order to form an opinion on potential irregularities, including fraud.

We have reviewed minutes of Trustee meetings to determine whether there have been events which require additional disclosure in the financial statements.

We have reviewed post year-end transactions to ensure items are disclosed accurately and complete at the year-end.

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Based on this understanding, we designed specific audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required. Examples of procedures included reviewing large and unusual transactions, reviewing large and unexpected variances, reviewing journal entries and reviewing relevant legal correspondence.


There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above, not least as sampling is used under International Auditing Standards, therefore not all transactions are reviewed. Therefore there is a risk we will not detect all irregularities including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulations. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is also higher than the risk of not detecting one from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, collusion, omission or intentional misrepresentation.

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

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

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.



PRENTIS & CO LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
& STATUTORY AUDITORS
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22nd July 2024

Prentis & Co LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Note	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Endowment 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Endowment 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME									
Other trading activities	3	8,566	177,947	-	186,513	8,044	2,118	-	10,162
Investment income	2	349,862	-	-	349,862	392,184	-	-	392,184
TOTAL INCOME		<u>358,428</u>	<u>177,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>536,375</u>	<u>400,228</u>	<u>2,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>402,346</u>
EXPENDITURE									
Charitable activities	4	469,511	177,947	-	647,458	388,860	2,118	-	390,978
Total expenditure		<u>469,511</u>	<u>177,947</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>647,458</u>	<u>388,860</u>	<u>2,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>390,978</u>
Net income for the year before investment gains		(111,083)	-	-	(111,083)	11,368	-	-	11,368
Net gains/(losses) on investments	9	224,775	-	719,329	944,104	(308,304)	-	(1,029,389)	(1,337,693)
NET INCOME/(LOSSES) FOR THE YEAR BEING NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		113,692	-	719,329	833,021	(296,936)	-	(1,029,389)	(1,326,325)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:									
Total funds brought forward		2,561,563	-	7,706,352	10,267,915	2,858,499	-	8,735,741	11,594,240
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,675,255</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,425,681</u>	<u>11,100,936</u>	<u>2,561,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,706,352</u>	<u>10,267,915</u>

All amounts relate to continuing activities of the charity.

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

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	8		10,437		11,079
Investments	9		10,958,525		10,114,421
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			<u>10,968,962</u>		<u>10,125,500</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	172,565		82,661	
Cash at bank and in hand		284,185		203,966	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>456,750</u>		<u>286,627</u>	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(324,776)		(144,212)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>131,974</u>		<u>142,415</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS			<u>11,100,936</u>		<u>10,267,915</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted fund:	12		-		-
Permanent endowment fund			8,425,681		7,706,352
Unrestricted funds			2,675,255		2,561,563
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>11,100,936</u>		<u>10,267,915</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10th JULY 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



 TRUSTEE
 A MACLELLAN

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

(a) BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued October 2019, applicable from 1st January 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity.

The Trustees have opted to take advantage of the exemptions in Charities SORP FRS 102, where only larger charities are required to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

(b) GOING CONCERN

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. As such, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounts in the financial statements, which assumes the Charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees have given due consideration to the working capital and cash flow requirements of the Charity for at least 12 months from the date of signature of the accounts.

(c) FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted income funds comprise of funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in the furtherance of the charitable objectives.

The Charity also has a number of restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

(d) INCOME

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by the investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio. Income from Government Securities is recognised when it is received. Income accrued and not received on these securities at 31 December is included in the market value of the investments held.

Rental income under operating leases is charged to the profit and loss accounts on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

(e) GRANTS

Grants received for special projects are credited to the Income and Expenditure Account when the Charity has been entitled to the monies and can be measured with reasonable accuracy.

Capital Grants are recognised when receivable and are not deferred over the life of the assets on which they are expended. Where the restriction is fulfilled by the purchase of fixed assets, the restricted income is released via transfer to the unrestricted funds of the Charity.

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(f) EXPENDITURE AND IRRECOVERABLE VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and relates to the charitable activities. VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred. The allocation of expenditure between the various activities of the Charity has been reconsidered by the trustees and re-analysed in the current year and for the prior year in order to more accurately reflect the nature of the activities undertaken.

(g) ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT COSTS

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the Charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the trust's activities. These costs have been allocated to expenditure on charitable activities. The basis on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 4.

(h) DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised at their historical cost when purchased.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Mobile classrooms	10% on cost
Leases	2% on cost
Computer equipment	33% on cost

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

(i) INVESTMENTS

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closed quoted market price (the bid price). The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the Charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

(j) DEBTORS

Sundry debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Accrued income is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

(k) CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

(l) CREDITORS

Creditors are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(m) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. Fixed assets are measured at their fair value, being the original cost of the assets. Investments are valued at market value which is based on the bid price at the year end. All other transactions are valued at cost.

(n) PENSIONS

Employees of the Charity are entitled to join a defined contribution "money purchase" scheme. The Charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 6.

2.	INVESTMENT INCOME		2023	2022	
			£	£	
	Interest on cash deposits		268	134	
	Income from listed investment		301,788	351,084	
	Rental income		47,806	40,966	
			<u>349,862</u>	<u>392,184</u>	
3.	INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		2023	2022	
			£	£	
	Cambridgeshire County Council Grants (restricted)		177,947	-	
	Refund of Section 106 Project costs (restricted)		-	2,118	
	Solar Panel income		8,359	7,743	
	Other		207	301	
			<u>186,513</u>	<u>10,162</u>	
4a.	EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
	CURRENT YEAR	Grants	Direct	Support	Total
		£	costs	costs	2023
			£	£	£
	Grants to promote education:				
	Grants to schools and churches	291,959	5,621	-	297,580
	Grants to service delivery charities	53,054	-	-	53,054
	In house education projects	-	60,544	-	60,544
	Administration	-	-	39,115	39,115
	Development, repair and maintenance of church schools *	177,947	14,578	4,640	197,165
	Total expenditure for charitable activities	<u>522,960</u>	<u>80,743</u>	<u>43,755</u>	<u>647,458</u>
4b.	EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES				
	PRIOR YEAR	Grants	Direct	Support	Total
		£	costs	costs	2022
			£	£	£
	Grants to promote education:				
	Grants to schools and churches	233,152	3,707	-	236,859
	Grants to service delivery charities	39,647	-	-	39,647
	In house education projects	-	60,537	-	60,537
	Administration	-	-	36,468	36,468
	Development, repair and maintenance of church schools	2,118	11,038	4,311	17,467
	Total expenditure for charitable activities	<u>274,917</u>	<u>75,282</u>	<u>40,779</u>	<u>390,978</u>

* The total of £177,947 consists of restricted funds in relation to the Cambridgeshire County Council grant at note 3.

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4c. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

CURRENT YEAR	Charitable activities £	Governance costs £	Total 2023 £
Wages and salaries	39,115	-	39,115
Audit, accountancy and legal fees	-	4,640	4,640
Total support costs	<u>39,115</u>	<u>4,640</u>	<u>43,755</u>

PRIOR YEAR	Charitable activities £	Governance costs £	Total 2022 £
Wages and salaries	36,468	-	36,468
Audit, accountancy and legal fees	-	4,311	4,311
Total support costs	<u>36,468</u>	<u>4,311</u>	<u>40,779</u>

5. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS AND KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries (including social security)	71,587	67,294
Pension costs	3,152	3,012
	<u>74,739</u>	<u>70,306</u>

No employees had emoluments in excess of £60,000 (2022: none).

The Trustees received no remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year (2022: none).

The Charity took out trustee indemnity insurance during the year as part of a policy that cost £2,258 (2022: £2,932)

The Charity considers that the key management personnel to be all members of staff and therefore their total remuneration is as stated above.

The average monthly head count was 4 (2022: 4) and analysis of the staff employees in the year were:

	2023	2022
Office and administration	2	2
Charitable projects	2	2
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

The number of volunteers utilised by the Charity in the year were nil (2022: nil).

6. PENSION COSTS

The association operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the association in an independently administered fund. The Charity contributed a total of £3,152 (2022: £3,012) in the year, with £564 (2022: £559) still payable at the end of the financial year.

7. NET INCOME	2023	2022
Net income is stated after charging	£	£
Depreciation	642	642
Auditors remuneration :		
-for audit services	2,500	2,500
-for accountancy services	2,140	1,811
	<u>2,140</u>	<u>1,811</u>

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8a.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	CURRENT YEAR	Computer	Mobile	Park Street	
		Equipment	Classrooms	Lease	Total
	COST OR VALUATION	£	£	£	£
	Balance at 1st January 2023	3,276	35,724	32,113	71,113
	Disposals	-	(35,724)	-	(35,724)
	Balance at 31st December 2023	<u>3,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,113</u>	<u>35,389</u>
	DEPRECIATION				
	Balance at 1 January 2023	3,276	35,724	21,034	60,034
	Charge for the year	-	-	642	642
	Eliminated on disposal	-	(35,724)	-	(35,724)
	Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>3,276</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,676</u>	<u>24,952</u>
	NET BOOK VALUE at 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,437</u>	<u>10,437</u>
8b.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	PRIOR YEAR	Computer	Mobile	Park Street	
		Equipment	Classrooms	Lease	Total
	COST OR VALUATION	£	£	£	£
	Balance at 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022	3,276	35,724	32,113	71,113
	DEPRECIATION				
	Balance at 1 January 2022	3,276	35,724	20,392	59,392
	Charge for the year	-	-	642	642
	Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>3,276</u>	<u>35,724</u>	<u>21,034</u>	<u>60,034</u>
	NET BOOK VALUE at 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,079</u>	<u>11,079</u>

Tangible fixed assets do not include the value of school buildings as it is not known and on the basis that it is immaterial to the Trust.

9a.	INVESTMENTS - CURRENT YEAR	Market			Market
		Value		Net	Value
		1st January	Additions/	Unrealised	31st December
		2023	(Disposals)	Gains/(losses)	2023
		£	£	£	£
	Permanent endowment fund				
	Central board of finance investment fund	7,706,352	-	719,329	8,425,681
	General funds				
	Central board of finance investment fund	2,408,069	(100,000)	224,775	2,532,844
	Total Investments	<u>10,114,421</u>	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>944,104</u>	<u>10,958,525</u>

The historical cost of investments at 31st December 2023 was £4,686,725 (2022: £4,786,725). All investments are held primarily for the purpose of providing an investment return.

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9b. INVESTMENTS - PRIOR YEAR	Market Value 1st January 2022 £	Additions/ (Disposals) £	Transfer £	Net Unrealised Gains/(losses) £	Market Value 31st December 2022 £
Permanent endowment fund					
Central board of finance investment fund	8,735,741	-	-	(1,029,389)	7,706,352
General funds					
Central board of finance investment fund	2,616,373	100,000	-	(308,304)	2,408,069
Total Investments	11,352,114	100,000	-	(1,337,693)	10,114,421

The historical cost of investments at 31st December 2022 was £4,786,725 (2021: £4,686,725).

All investments are held primarily for the purpose of providing an investment return.

10. DEBTORS	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued income and other debtors	171,123	81,406
Prepayments	1,442	1,255
	<u>172,565</u>	<u>82,661</u>

11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
Taxation and social security	1,438	1,224
Other creditors	184,462	58,579
Sums held on behalf of schools	72,571	72,052
Accruals and deferred income	66,305	12,357
	<u>324,776</u>	<u>144,212</u>

12a. FUNDS ANALYSIS - CURRENT YEAR	Balance as at 1st January 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance as at 31st December 2023 £
Permanent endowment fund					
Old Schools of Cambridge	7,706,352	-	-	719,329	8,425,681
Restricted funds					
St Philips building improvements	-	177,947	(177,947)	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	2,561,563	358,428	(469,511)	224,775	2,675,255
Total funds	10,267,915	536,375	(647,458)	944,104	11,100,936

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12b. FUNDS ANALYSIS - PRIOR YEAR	Balance as at 1st January 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains/ (Losses)	Balance as at 31st December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowment fund					
Old Schools of Cambridge	8,735,741	-	-	(1,029,389)	7,706,352
Restricted funds					
Section 106 project costs	-	2,118	(2,118)	-	-
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	2,858,499	400,228	(388,860)	(308,304)	2,561,563
Total funds	<u>11,594,240</u>	<u>402,346</u>	<u>(390,978)</u>	<u>(1,337,693)</u>	<u>10,267,915</u>

Unrestricted funds

General funds represents the free funds of the Charity which are not designated for particular purposes.

Restricted funds

Grants received from Cambridgeshire County Council in relation to the capital works at St Philips Church of England (aided) Primary School.

13a. NET ASSETS BY FUND - CURRENT YEAR	Tangible Fixed Assets	Investments	Net Current Assets	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowment fund:				
Old Schools of Cambridge	-	8,425,681	-	8,425,681
Unrestricted funds	10,437	2,532,844	131,974	2,675,255
Total funds	<u>10,437</u>	<u>10,958,525</u>	<u>131,974</u>	<u>11,100,936</u>

13b. NET ASSETS BY FUND - PRIOR YEAR	Tangible Fixed Assets	Investments	Net Current Assets	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowment fund:				
Old Schools of Cambridge	-	7,706,352	-	7,706,352
Unrestricted funds	11,079	2,408,069	142,415	2,561,563
Total funds	<u>11,079</u>	<u>10,114,421</u>	<u>142,415</u>	<u>10,267,915</u>

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the year, however there are mutual trustees between the Charity and its grant beneficiaries, in which none of the trustees benefit financially, or have significant influence.

15. LINKED CHARITIES

A full list of charities listed by the Charity Commission as linked with The Church Schools of Cambridge (The Old Schools) 'CSOC' can be found on the charity information page of the financial statements. Their activities and funds are not separately identifiable from CSOC. Any income and expenditure relevant to the linked charities are included within the Statement of Financial Activities.

16. FRC ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other charities of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.