

**ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST**

**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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<b>Members</b>	G Anderson (resigned 22 June 2018) R Eade J Hart J Loughton Revd Canon T Pullen (appointed 11th December 2017) T Rees (ex officio Chair of Trustees from 23 October 2018) P Sykes (ex officio as Chair of Trustees from 23 June to 23 October 2018) The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Educational Trust (represented by N Spraggins)
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<b>Trustees</b>	G Anderson (Chair) (resigned 22 June 2018) C Archer Ven S Clark (resigned 22 October 2018) S Hampton* (CEO) M Lall* (resigned 12 December 2017) Dr J Moore (appointed 13 September 2018) M Oldroyd (appointed 9 January 2018) H Shewell-Cooper (appointed 1 May 2018) T Rees (appointed 13 September 2018) R Spiby* (resigned 22 October 2018) N Spraggins (appointed 14 November 2018) P Sykes (Chair from 23 June to 23 October 2018) K Wyer (appointed 29 June 2018) Z Zia (resigned 19 September 2017)
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\* Members of the Audit, Finance and General Purposes committee

### Executive Leadership Team

- Chief Executive Officer	S Hampton
- Chief Operating Officer	M Lysenko

### Company secretary

M Lysenko

### Company registration number

07875164 (England and Wales)

### Registered office

Aspley Lane  
Aspley  
Nottingham  
Nottinghamshire  
NG8 5GY

### Academies operated

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Principal</b>
Bluecoat Wollaton Academy	Wollaton Park, Nottingham	S Anderson
Bluecoat Beechdale Academy	Harvey Road, Nottingham	C Elder
Bluecoat Aspley Academy	Aspley Lane, Nottingham	C Rowell
Bluecoat Primary Academy	Harvey Road, Nottingham	S Shaw
Nottingham Emmanuel School (from 1 Jan 2018)	Gresham Park Road, West Bridgford	D Hobbs

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### Independent auditor

RSM UK Audit LLP  
St Philips Point  
Temple Row  
Birmingham  
West Midlands  
B2 5AF

### Solicitors

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Nottingham  
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# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2018. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates five academies serving a catchment area in Nottingham:

- Bluecoat Aspley Academy for students aged 11-19. It has a student capacity of 1,400 and had a roll of 1,536 in the Academy census (October 2018), and is 136 oversubscribed
- Bluecoat Beechdale Academy for students aged 11-16. It has a student capacity of 900, and had a roll of 798 in the Academy census (October 2018).
- Bluecoat Primary Academy for students aged 3 to 11. It has a student capacity of 446 and had a roll of 324 in the Academy census (October 2018)
- Bluecoat Wollaton Academy for students aged 11-16. It has a student capacity of 750 and had a roll of 775 in the Academy census (October 2018)
- Nottingham Emmanuel School (from 1 January 2018) for students aged 11-19. It has a student capacity of 1,150 and had a roll of 1,033 in the Academy census (October 2018).

Up until 30 September 2017, Bluecoat Academy operated as an all through Academy across the three sites – Aspley Lane, Wollaton Park and the primary on Harvey Road. As at 1 October 2017 two new academies were opened and took over the operations at Wollaton Park and the primary on Harvey Road – Bluecoat Wollaton Academy and Bluecoat Primary Academy. Bluecoat Academy was renamed Bluecoat Aspley Academy and retained the operations at Aspley Lane.

### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Constitution

The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. Archway Learning Trust's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Trust. The Trustees of Archway Learning Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the Trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

#### Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable 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 ceased to be a member.

#### Trustees' indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £2,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2018 was £900 (2017: £323). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

#### Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

In line with the Articles of Association, Members of the Trust appoint a minimum of five Trustees so that at all times the total number of Trustees appointed by the Members represents at least 50% of the total number of Trustees.

Trustees are appointed for a period of four years. At the end of a four year term, retiring Trustees are eligible for re-election.

The Trustees have set up procedures which will enable regular reviews of the mix of skills that should be available to the Board. New Trustees are then sought with these skills as replacements when existing Trustees stand down. It is anticipated that most new Trustees will be drawn from the local community or others who have shown an interest in the future well-being of the Trust, the academies within the Trust and the students. Recruitment will be through a combination of approaches to individuals with known skills and by wider communications to those within Nottinghamshire.

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### **Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Individual Trustees attend training courses and conferences organised by appropriate bodies in order to ensure their knowledge and understanding is up to date. Briefings for the Board and the Senior Leadership Team of the Trust are carried out based on areas of potential interest and/or concern. In November 2018 a two day Governance and Leadership Conference was arranged across the Trust. All Trustees were invited to attend the Conference and there was representation from all Academy Governing Bodies.

### **Organisational structure**

The Trustees have responsibility for setting and monitoring the overall strategic direction of the Charitable Company, approving decisions reserved to Trustees and appointing key members of staff.

The Board of Trustees holds at least five meetings a year with the ability to hold additional meetings if required to consider specific agenda items. Additionally, ad hoc groups of Trustees and Senior Leaders are established to consider specific issues and make recommendations to the Board. All decisions reserved to the Trustees are taken by the Board as a whole.

Each Academy within the Trust has a Local Governing Body (LGB). The full Board reviews the membership and the Terms of Reference for each LGB annually with the Chair and Vice Chair of each LGB being appointed by the full Board annually. Schemes of Delegation are in place devolving some powers and responsibilities to the LGB of each Academy. The Schemes of Delegation may vary for each Academy's LGB and are renewed by the Trust annually.

In the exercise of its delegated powers and functions, the Governors of each Academy LGB will ensure that their Academy's business is conducted in accordance with the objects of the Trust.

Each LGB,

- a. has delegated powers regarding student discipline and curriculum development within the policies approved by the full Board;
- b. will promptly implement and comply with any policies or procedures communicated to the LGBs by the Trustees from time to time;
- c. will review its own policies and practices on a regular basis, in view of any advice or recommendations made by the Full Board;
- d. will work closely with the Full Board and act with integrity, objectivity and honestly in the best interest of the Trust and the Academy;
- e. will be open about decisions and be prepared to justify those decisions;
- f. will keep confidential all information of a confidential nature obtained by them relating to their Academy and the Trust;
- g. will adopt financial prudence in managing the financial affairs of the Trust in so far as these relate to their Academy and are delegated to them.

The LGBs of all academies with a religious designation will ensure that Academy business is conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and tenets of the Church of England both generally and in particular in relation to arranging for religious education and daily acts of worship. This will not apply to Bluecoat Beechdale Academy which is a community Academy.

Each Governor takes part in regular self-review and is accountable for meeting their own training and development needs. It is a Governor's responsibility to consider if, and raise any concerns where, they feel that appropriate training and development is not being provided.

Governors are expected to report to the Trust against KPIs which have been set by the Trust for each Academy and provide such data and information regarding the business of their Academy and the students attending their Academy as the Trustees may require from time to time. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the Accounting Officer and works closely with the Trustees, the LGBs and the senior staff of Archway Learning Trust.

The day-to-day management of Archway Learning Trust rests with the CEO who has overall responsibility for the Trust. The CEO is responsible for establishing a Senior Leadership Team, including the Principals and Vice Principals at each Academy.

The CEO has delegated authority to appoint, discipline and dismiss staff. Financial authority is delegated in line with the Scheme of Delegation and the Finance Policy that is approved by the full Board on an annual basis. If financial or other business decisions are required between meetings then electronic authority may be sought from the members of the Board. The full Board consider and approve the Trust Improvement Plan annually. This is monitored throughout the year, in line with an

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agreed timetable. Each LGB monitors throughout the year the Academy Improvement Plan prepared by their respective Academy.

Prior to the reorganisation of the former Bluecoat Academy described above, its LGB members between 1 September 2017 and 30 September 2017 were: S Anderson, P Burrell, Rev H Curran, M Goodwill-Hodgson, J Hempstead, Rev P Jones, C Pearce, A Pearson, A Rogers, C Ross-Waddell and H Shirtcliffe. There was no meeting during the period. From 1 October 2017 the Trust's LGB membership was as set out below.

### **Bluecoat Aspley Academy**

P Burrell (Chair)  
J Connington (Parent Governor, appointed 8 March 2018)  
J Hempstead  
Rev P Jones  
C Miller (Parent Governor, appointed 8 March 2018)  
C Pearce (Staff Governor)  
C Rowell – Ex Officio  
C Ross-Waddell (resigned 1 May 2018)  
B Thomas (Staff Governor, appointed 28 March 2018)

### **Bluecoat Beechdale Academy**

C Elder – Ex Officio  
J Ennis (Staff Governor)  
C Hutchinson (Parent Governor, appointed 18 October 2017)  
L Kent (term ended 31 March 2018)  
L Lyons (Chair) (appointed 1 September 2016)  
V McCrossen  
E Pagliacci  
D Stewart OBE D.Litt.h.c.DL  
B Summers (Parent Governor, appointed 28 March 2018)

### **Bluecoat Primary Academy**

P Burrell (appointed 18 October 2017)  
M Clowes  
Rev A Copeland (appointed 18 October 2017)  
J Doar  
J Eaton (Parent Governor, elected 22 November 2018)  
F Heesambee (Parent Governor, elected 22 November 2017)  
H Keith (Staff Governor, appointed 18 October 2017)  
S Shaw – Ex-Officio  
A Taylor (Chair)

### **Bluecoat Wollaton Academy**

S Anderson – Ex Officio  
F Bell (Parent Governor, appointed 28 March 2018)  
Rev H Curran  
M Goodwill-Hodgson (Chair)  
A Pearson  
A Rogers (Parent Governor)  
H Shirtcliffe

### **Nottingham Emmanuel School (from 1 January 2018)**

A Barnaby (Staff Governor)  
M Blakeway (Chair)  
P Brown (Parent Governor)  
E Dunford  
R Harris (Parent Governor, term ended 5 May 2018)  
B Heywood  
D Hobbs – Ex Officio  
Rev P Marsh  
E Prentice  
H Shewell-Cooper (term ended 5 May 2018)  
E Taylor

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### Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

With the exception of the CEO, members of the Board of Trustees are not entitled to receive any remuneration as a result of their post as a Trustee of Archway Learning Trust.

In the Autumn term of each year, the Trustee Salary Review Committee will receive recommendations from the performance reviewer governors about the salary of the CEO. Any recommendation for movement up the CEO's salary range, on which the CEO is currently paid, will identify the recommended number of progressed points proposed. The Board of Trustees may decide to pay additional payments to the CEO in accordance with paragraph 10 of the STPC Document.

At the time of appointing a new Principal or Chief Operating Officer, the Trustees shall determine the individual range for the post and the salary point on the individual range to be paid. The Salary Review Committee will be set up each year and will consider recommendations from the CEO that any Principal or Chief Operating Officer be paid additional points subject to the maximum of the individual range and/or any additional payments recommended. Structures are benchmarked across the Trust and there is a regular review of salary ranges compared to national market rates.

### Trade Union Facility Time

#### Relevant Union Officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials	Full time equivalent employee number
3	2.87

#### Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	1
1-50%	2
51-99%	0
100%	0

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

Total cost of facility time	£8,154
Total pay bill	£16,855,155
Percentage of total pay bill spent on facility time	0.048%

#### Paid Trade Union Activities

Time spent on paid Trade Union activity as a percentage	0%
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### Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

Archway Learning Trust works in close partnership with the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham and the Nottingham Bluecoat School Foundation Trust. The former are the legal freehold owners of the land that Bluecoat Aspley Academy, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy and The Nottingham Emmanuel School is situated upon and the latter hold this land as custodian trustee

Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Archway Learning Trust which operates the letting service of the academies facilities.

There are no related parties other than those described above which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of Archway Learning Trust.

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### Objectives and Activities

The charitable objectives for which the charitable company was established are set down in the governing document as follows:

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, carrying on, managing and developing Academies which shall offer a broad and balanced curriculum and which shall include:

- Academies other than those designated Church of England, whether with or without a designated religious character and Church of England academies designated as such which shall be conducted in accordance with the principles, practices and both generally and in particular in relation to arrange for religious education and daily acts of worship, and in having regard to the advice and following any directives issued by the Diocesan Board of Education.

For the year under review, Archway Learning Trust had the following core objectives:

#### 1. Achievement

- Students to achieve target grades and to ensure all measures are above the national averages
- Students to be provided with a curriculum to maximise their progress towards qualification success, further study and employability
- Students have a curriculum that helps them to achieve especially in the light of 'Progress 8' accountability measures
- Ensure internal assessment is robust and prepare for measuring achievement within the "Life without Levels" era.

#### 2. Teaching and Learning

- Embed the 5 Core Beliefs of great teaching throughout the Trust
- Teaching challenges every student to make progress on prior learning, and achieve exceptional results over time
- Teaching is personalised and informed by the highest quality assessment and feedback
- Teaching engages and inspires, developing students' curiosity, imagination and love of learning
- Teaching enhances skills, attributes and attitudes, preparing students to achieve great success in life
- Teaching involves a passion for innovation and professional improvement.

#### 3. Behaviour and Safety

- All students to be responsible for their behaviour and learning in every lesson
- All groups of students feel safe across all the Academies within the Trust at all times
- Students are given opportunities to achieve in a wide range of activities.

#### 4. Leadership and Management

- All students are valued and nurtured within their academy setting
- Individual academy priorities are determined by thorough and accurate self-evaluation
- All staff are valued and supported in their own career progression
- Implement the Trust capital improvement plan
- Improve the effectiveness of the Governing Body to stringently hold the Trust and its Leadership to account.

These objectives have been met during the year under review.

### Public benefit

The Trustees have taken The Charity Commission's specific guidance on public benefit (contained within the guidance document "The Advancement of Education for the Public Benefit") into consideration in preparing their Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance contained within this Annual Report.

In accordance with its charitable objectives, the Charitable Company strives to advance the education of the students attending the Academies within the Trust. The Charitable Company's primary beneficiaries are therefore the students, and benefits to students are provided through continuing to maintain a high standard of education throughout the Academies within the Trust.

In order to determine whether or not the charitable company has fulfilled its charitable objectives for public benefit, the Trustees gather evidence of the success of each Academy within Archway Learning Trust activities.



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### STRATEGIC REPORT

#### Achievements and performance

##### Academic Success

2017-18 has been a successful year for Archway Learning Trust:

- The GCSE results at Bluecoat Aspley Academy achieved 59% 4+ equivalents in English and Mathematics
- In the Sixth Form at Bluecoat Academy students achieved 97% pass rate in over 32 courses at A2 with the percentage of students achieving A/A\* grades remaining high. Value added scores in the Sixth Form which last year were the highest in the City of Nottingham have increased threefold this year and we anticipate once again being the most effective provider of Post 16 learning in Nottingham City
- The GCSE results at Bluecoat Beechdale Academy increased to 49%, our fifth year on year increase in results in this challenging environment
- Bluecoat Wollaton Academy: Results published for the first time saw an impressive 75% of students achieving a 4+ in English and Mathematics
- Nottingham Emmanuel School (NES): Reporting on these results for the first time after sixth months in the Trust NES achieved 49% for the same GCSE subjects – English and Mathematics
- Bluecoat Primary Academy: Writing results at the end of KS1 rose from 47% in 2017 to 64% in 2018, an increase of 17%. The percentage of children achieving greater depth for writing at KS1 was 11.5% in 2018 compared with 3% in 2017. Again, this shows very good progress in this area and brings us in line with local averages (12%) but still just below national averages (16%):

	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Year 3 Attainment	28%	41%	34%
Year 4 Attainment	45%	59%	45%
KS2 National 2018	75%	78%	76%

- Five members of our Academy Senior Leadership Teams are SLEs (Specialist Leader in Education). The CEO is a National Leader of Education (NLE) and in 2018 was asked to speak at the regional conference of the Regional School Commissioner, attend a reception for outstanding leaders at 10 Downing St. as well as host a visit by the Secretary of State for Education, Damian Hinds. Another ten have been put forward for training as new SLEs. Bluecoat Academy has become a Centre of Excellence for GL Assessments as well as a Go4Schools Hub. We have been formally accredited as a School Centred Initial Teacher Training facility for the area. In January 2017 the Bluecoat Primary moved into its new accommodation on Harvey Road. There are now over 300 students in the Primary phase and this will continue to grow until 2021 when we expect to reach full capacity.

##### Key performance indicators

The Trustees use the following key measures, along with financial measures further discussed in the financial review section of this report, to assess the success of the activities of the charitable company:

##### Pupil Achievement: Bluecoat Aspley Academy

- Progress 8 Score was -0.02 in line with national standards but a slight decline on last year when both the scores of Aspley and Wollaton combined
- 59% students achieved 4+ in English & Mathematics
- 36% students achieved 5+ English and Mathematics
- Pupil Premium Gap students are now performing better than all students nationally.

##### Pupil Achievement: Bluecoat Wollaton Academy

- Progress 8 Score was +0.51 well above national standards
- 75% students achieved 4+ in English & Mathematics
- 56% students achieved 5+ English and Mathematics
- Pupil Premium Gap students are performing slightly below all students nationally.

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Pupil Achievement: Bluecoat Beechdale Academy

- Progress 8 score was -0.44 a decline on last year but offset by gains in English and Mathematics.

Partly as result of the disqualification of key qualification as counted in the league tables

- 49% students achieved 4+ in English and Mathematics (an increase of 18% on last year)
- 17% students achieved 5+ in English & Mathematics (an increase of 11% on last year)
- Pupil Premium students outperformed their counterparts.

Pupil Achievement: Nottingham Emmanuel School

- Progress 8 Score was -0.30 above national benchmark of -.5
- 55% students achieved 4+ in English & Mathematics
- 28% students achieved 5+ English and Mathematics
- Pupil Premium Gap students are performing slightly below all students nationally.

The Trust is delighted with the achievement of our students as described in the results above.

Other achievements in the year included:

- Bluecoat Academy was an all through Academy operating across three sites – Aspley Lane (secondary provision), Wollaton Park (secondary provision) and Harvey Road (primary provision) until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. As of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 two new schools were opened: Bluecoat Primary Academy and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy. Bluecoat Academy has been renamed Bluecoat Aspley Academy as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 and is now operating on the Aspley Lane site only.
- The changes implemented in the curriculum this year have allowed most teaching staff to use Thursday afternoons to receive high quality training as well as to provide time to work on schemes of work and lesson plans. There is a new training offer this year in conjunction with Sheffield University where 15 members of Trust staff are undertaking MA qualifications. In addition Bluecoat Aspley Academy has obtained a licence to run a middle leadership training package accredited by the SSAT. Almost 40 staff are now engaged on NPQ programmes at differing levels across the Trust. There have also been opportunities for peer led training in small support groups to raise the profile of outstanding teaching and learning. Staff training has been shared across Bluecoat Aspley Academy, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy and Bluecoat Beechdale Academy with many staff receiving coaching at Bluecoat Beechdale Academy to support their continuous professional training. The CPD package has now been refined to allow for staff to access training for their level of leadership and experience. In addition we have added the expectation that staff will seek best practice from other schools and academies. We hold an annual Festival of Learning for all members of the Trust and this year there were key note addresses from Jaz Ampwar Farr, Ian Gilbert and Jackie Beere. The focus was resilience.
- In 2017-18 Bluecoat Aspley Academy and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy hit their target of 90% of lessons to be judged good or outstanding. At Bluecoat Beechdale Academy, work is now being undertaken to achieve their target of 70%. There is a rigorous self-evaluation schedule in place which both supports and challenges staff. We have invested in a new staff training package called BlueSky to help us assess our performance and identify areas where we can function more effectively and target intervention.
- Behaviour management has remained a priority this year. Our full time year leaders are able to deal with issues before they become too challenging and as a result we have seen our permanent exclusion drop to zero across the Trust and as a Trust we have not permanently excluded any students for three years. This has happened alongside a renewed emphasis on rewards and a culture of celebrating student achievements. A MAT Celebration of Student Achievement is due to take place in February 2019 at the Nottingham Playhouse.
- The student numbers and achievements in Post 16 are now reaching outstanding levels. 570 students were admitted in September 2017. Students achieved better A level results than ever before. The Head of Post 16 has been recognised as a Specialist Leader in Education.
- Archway Learning Trust has been asked by Go4Schools to be a lead school in the region. This has involved hosting visits from other schools, staff leading training sessions as well as presenting at national conferences

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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- Bluecoat SCITT has successfully recruited its allocated number of trainee teachers. A full programme is now running across both primary and secondary phases to train up to 40 teachers. Bluecoat Aspley Academy is working alongside 27 partner schools to provide this programme. In addition we are also hosting the Researchers in Schools programme for the Midlands. Our SCITT Head teacher sits on NASBTT (National Association of School Based Teacher Training) which advises the Department of Education on teacher training and progress into the future. It is a real honour to be asked to serve on this national committee.

### Financial Review

Most of the Trust's income in the year was obtained from the DfE (Department of Education) and the ESFA in the form of recurring grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received for the year and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

In accordance with the Charities SORP Accounting by Charities, grants and donations for capital are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted fixed asset funds. The balance sheet restricted fixed asset fund is reduced by transfers of amounts equivalent to any depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

Total incoming resources amounted to £42,321,000 (2017: £26,494,000) and total resources expended amounted to £31,012,000 (2017: £22,269,000) leading to a net income result for the year of £11,309,000 (2017: net income of £4,225,000). However, this result has been distorted by the transfer in of the assets and liabilities of The Nottingham Emmanuel School, which joined the Trust in January 2018; the net donation in respect of this transfer was £17,501,000. Excluding this donation, the Trust's funding for the year amounted to £24,820,000 (2017: 26,494,000) with expenditure (excluding depreciation of £4,449,000 and non-cash defined benefit pension scheme costs of £1,515,000) amounting to £25,048,000 (2017: £19,084,000). This provides an underlying deficit result of £228,000 (2017: net income of £7,410,000). It should be noted however that the 2017 net income result was significantly impacted by a capital donation from Nottingham City Council of £6,063,000. The deficit of £228,000 this year has arisen as a result of the repayment of ring-fenced funding relating to Nottingham City Secondary Education Partnership amounting to £379,000 and excluding this the Trust would have run a balanced budget in line with the reserves policy. The level of funding the Trust receives is based on student numbers. All academies in the Trust are either at full capacity or as in the case of Bluecoat Beechdale Academy and Bluecoat Primary Academy are at full capacity in the year of entry and are expected to grow year on year to full capacity.

The Trust's cash flow position is good. The net decrease in the cash balance for the period amounted to £187,000. The cash balances have been utilised during the year to fund the remodelling work at Bluecoat Aspley Academy, other capital works and an extensive IT replacement programme. An amount of £379,000 within the cash balance is restricted to the work undertaken by the Nottingham City Heads Partnership and these funds were returned to Nottingham City Council in September 2018 following the transfer of the work undertaken by the Nottingham City Secondary Education Partnership to the Local Authority.

As at 31 August 2018, the net assets and total funds of the Trust were £79,000,000 (2017: £65,335,000), including fixed assets of £85,565,000 (2017: £73,135,000) and a pension scheme liability of £9,948,000 (2017: £8,642,000). The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the academies within the Trust. Whilst the pension scheme liability has increased during the year as a result of The Nottingham Emmanuel School joining the Trust (as shown in note 29), the Trustees do not consider that this presents the Trust with any current liquidity problems. The Trustees consider that the overall balance sheet position represents a strong and stable platform from which the Trust can develop and grow.

As at the 31 August 2018, the Trust had net current assets of £650,000 (2017: £1,242,000) including cash at bank of £2,465,000 (2017: £2,652,000). The Trustees therefore consider that the Trust has sufficient resources to cover its liabilities.

The predecessor school to Bluecoat Aspley Academy had entered into loan arrangements with the Bluecoat Foundation Trust. The balance of these loans (£2,063,999) was transferred to the Academy on conversion. During the year the Academy made capital repayments against outstanding loans to the Bluecoat Foundation Trust amounting to £133,333 and the balance remaining at year end was £400,000.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the Finance Policy which lays out the framework for financial management and limits of delegated authority for spending. Other policies reviewed and updated included the Lettings Policy, the Health and Safety Policy and a variety of Human Resource policies.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### Key financial performance indicators

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Total incoming resources	42,321	26,494
Net income/(expenditure)	11,309	4,225
Net current assets	650	1,242
Cash at bank	2,465	2,652
Net cash (absorbed)/provided from operations	(318)	1,174

### Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Trust's significant risks that have been in place for the year ended 31 August 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees actively review the cash flow position of the Trust both in the short and medium term and aim to maintain a level of cash resources designed to ensure that the Trust has sufficient funds for its operations. The Trust makes little use of other financial instruments and the Trustees' consider that price risk, liquidity risk, and credit risk is not material for the assessment of assets, liabilities, financial position or financial performance of the Trust.

### Reserves policy

The Trustees' policy is to generate reserves to provide funds to continue to enhance the educational facilities and services of the Trust and to fund future projects. The Trustees will ensure that the levels of reserves that can be carried forward at the end of the financial year will be in line with the guidance received from the DfE on the treatment of GAG income and other grants. Archway Learning Trust will try to match income with expenditure in the current year and will only carry forward reserves that it considers are necessary for future year's expenditure having regard for:

- Forecasts of levels of income in future years
- Forecasts for expenditure in future years
- Analysis of any future development needs and opportunities that could not be met out of annual income
- Analysis and forecast of cashflow and fund management

There is no absolute level of free reserves that the Trust maintains, but generally cumulative restricted reserves should normally be restricted to 12% of annual GAG funding.

At the balance sheet date, the charitable company had total reserves amounting to £79,000,000 of which £383,000 were unrestricted reserves and £nil related to GAG carry forward.

The Trustees intend to continue to utilise reserves during the forthcoming year to improve the infrastructure of the Trust's premises that were inherited from the local authority.

As at 31 August 2018, The Fixed Asset Reserve amounted to £88,565,000. This reserve can only be realised by disposing of the Trust's fixed assets, which the Trust cannot do without approval from the Secretary of State.

As at 31 August 2018, The Restricted Pension Reserve amounted to a deficit £9,948,000. It should be noted that this does not present the Trust with any current liquidity problems.

### Investment Policy

The Trustees' investment powers are set down in the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, which permit the investment of monies of the charitable company that are not immediately required for its purposes in such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit subject to any restrictions which may from time to time be imposed or required by law.

The charitable company's current policy is to invest surplus funds in short-term cash deposits.

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### Plans for future periods

Having established itself as a multi academy trust, Archway Learning Trust plans to continue to ensure an excellent educational provision is provided at its current academies and plans to continue to share its expertise to develop staff training opportunities across the Trust by supporting other schools and academies in Nottingham and beyond.

The key priorities for Archway Learning Trust into the future is to continue to strive for educational excellence across all the academies in the Trust, ensuring that all academies are good or outstanding. The Trust is committed to providing an inclusive and nurturing environment for all students. Archway Learning Trust plans to reduce permanent exclusions and provide outstanding alternative provision and outstanding support for SEN and other vulnerable groups.

To achieve its priorities Archway Learning Trust will invest in developing the strongest teachers, leaders and support staff, ensure high staff retention rates and will provide consistency in learning and pedagogy to achieve high standards.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed. The Trustees are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate the exposure to major risks. Systems and procedures have been implemented covering both operational (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, trips, vetting of new staff, supervision of Trust grounds) and financial risks (comprehensive system of internal controls explained in more detail in the Governance Statement). Where significant financial risk still remains, Trustees have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

The Trust has undertaken a full review of the main areas of risks which it faces. This includes all health and safety and child protection policies and procedures. In addition, a review of all financial risks is undertaken on a regular basis.

The Trust has a formal risk management process to assess business risks and to implement risk management strategies. The process involves identifying the types of risk the Trust faces, scoring and prioritising the risks in terms of their potential operational and financial impact, assessing the likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of mitigating the risks. A risk register is maintained and reviewed on a regular basis.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Trust are as follows:

- The Trust has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the Education and Skills Funding Agency and whilst the current level of funding is expected to continue there is no assurance that government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same level or on the same terms
- The Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline
- The success of the Trust is reliant on the quality of its staff and so the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning
- Failures in governance/management and in particular the risk that arises from the potential failure to effectively manage the Trust's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks. The Trust has appointed internal Auditors to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academy Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area
- There remains a risk of contractors going into administration or liquidation as the general economy struggles to recover from a prolonged recession. The Trust's procurement procedures were enhanced to reflect the highlighted risk and have proven their effectiveness during the year 31 August 2018
- The continuing success of the Trust is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Trustees ensure that student success and attainment are closely monitored and reviewed

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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### **Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others**

Archway Learning Trust received £82,005 from the Education and Skills Funding Agency in respect of Sixth Form Bursary allocations. The Trust withholds 5% to pay for the administration of these funds and the remaining funds are distributed to Sixth Form students. As at 31 August 2018 there were £9,015 remaining funds payable to students. A further agency arrangement is maintained in respect of the Bluecoat SCITT Trainee Teacher Bursary. Archway Learning Trust received £290,000 from NCTL. As at 31 August 2018 there was an amount of £29,400 still payable to Trainee Teachers. All balances repayable are included within other creditors.

### **Employee consultation and disabled persons**

The Trust will employ disabled persons when they appear to be suitable for a particular vacancy and every effort is made to ensure that they are given full and fair consideration when such vacancies arise. There is a training scheme in operation so that employees who have been injured or disabled in the course of their employment can, where possible, continue in employment with the Trust.

During employment, the Trust seeks to work with employees, taking into account their personal circumstances, to ensure appropriate training, development and advancement opportunities are available to enable them to reach their full potential.

The Trust aims to ensure that there is effective communication with all employees who, subject to practical and commercial considerations, are consulted on and involved in decisions that affect their current roles and future prospects. In order to facilitate this process, the Trust has set up a staff and Trade Union consultation process in relation to all Human Resources policies. This includes a monthly Trade Union consultation meeting led by the Human Resources Director to which all recognised Trade Union colleagues are invited to attend to discuss all Human Resources policy reviews and other matters relevant for consultation. Formal staff consultation also takes place in relation to all Human Resources policy review processes. The Trust also operate a Staff Wellbeing Committee led by Human Resources to facilitate discussion in relation to all relevant health and wellbeing matters, membership of which is open to all staff across the Trust.

### **Auditor**

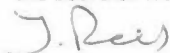
RSM UK Audit LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

### **Statement as to disclosure of information to auditor**

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees' report is approved by order of the Board of Trustees and the strategic report (included therein) is approved by the Board of Trustees in their capacity as the Directors at a meeting on 13 December 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



T. Rees  
Chair



# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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### Scope of responsibility

As Trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Archway Learning 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 Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the CEO, 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 Archway Learning Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 7 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
G Anderson (Chair, resigned 22 June 2018)	5	5
C Archer	7	7
Ven S Clark (resigned 22 October 2018)	2	7
S Hampton (CEO and Accounting Officer)	7	7
M Lall (resigned 12 December 2017)	1	2
M Oldroyd (appointed 9 January 2018)	4	5
H Shewell-Cooper (appointed 1 May 2018)	3	4
R Spiby (resigned 22 October 2018)	3	7
P Sykes (Chair from 23 June 2018)	5	7
K Wyer (appointed 29 June 2018)	0	1
Z Zia (resigned 19 September 2017)	0	0

Working groups comprising Trustees and local governors, reporting directly to the Board of Trustees, met as follows:

### Audit, Finance & General Purposes

The primary purpose of the Audit Finance & General Purposes (AFGP) committee is to assist the Trust Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities of the Trust's financial management; to assist the Board in ensuring risks facing the Trust are effectively assessed and reviewed; and to assist the Board to ensure that the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the Trust and its activities. The CEO is a member of the AFGP however does not participate in matters relating to audit.

Trustees/governors	Meetings attended	Out of possible
S Hampton (CEO and Accounting Officer)	3	3
J Hempstead	3	3
R Spiby (Chair until his resignation on 22 October 2018)	3	3
A Taylor (Acting Chair)	3	3

### Policies

The primary purpose of the Policy working group is to review the policies operational across the Trust, ensure adequate consultation is carried out with all stakeholders including trade unions and recommend updates and policy drafts to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Trustees/governors	Meetings attended	Out of possible
G Anderson (resigned 22 June 2018)	3	4
S Hampton (CEO and Accounting Officer)	5	5
Rev P Jones	5	5
P Sykes (Chair)	4	5

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Additionally, Rev J Hutchinson, M Lall and P Sykes formed the Trustees' Salary Review Group which met on one occasion during the year.

### Governance reviews

The Trust and each LGB, working with Senior Leaders, will review its effectiveness during the course of each academic year. These reviews will also examine the effectiveness of individual Governors to ensure that the Board of Trustees and each LGB possesses the necessary mix of skills to maximise their effectiveness. This has been carried out throughout the year and new Trustees and Local Governing body members have been appointed where deficits in skills were identified.

### Review of value for money

As Accounting Officer, the CEO has responsibility for ensuring that Archway Learning 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 Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The Accounting Officer for Archway Learning Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year as follows:

- Bluecoat Wollaton Academy being evaluated as an outstanding school following an OFSTED inspection in 2018. Real strengths at Bluecoat Wollaton Academy have been identified as:
  - Higher than average outcomes across all subject and especially English
  - Outstanding attendance running at 97% well above average
  - Much improved behaviour which has resulted in no permanent exclusions in 2017/18
  - Strength in leadership and management through the journey of improvement was identified by Ofsted as a key strength
- Bluecoat Aspley Academy received a good judgment with outstanding for leadership and management. Social cohesion and high quality teaching alongside its inclusive ethos were identified as key strengths
- Nottingham Emmanuel joined the Trust in January 2018
- Continued growth across all academies in the Trust:
  - Bluecoat Aspley Academy has grown by 2.06% totalling 1,536 students including over 568 in the Sixth Form
  - Bluecoat Beechdale Academy has grown by 13.84% totalling 798 students
  - Bluecoat Primary Academy has grown by 23.19% totalling 324 students and will continue to grow each year until full capacity is reached of 420 plus 26 nursery places
  - Bluecoat Wollaton Academy has grown by 2.24% totalling 775 students
  - Nottingham Emmanuel School has grown by 4.77% totalling 1,033 students including Sixth Form
- Students at Bluecoat Wollaton Academy achieving Progress 8 score of 0.51%
- Improved achievement at Bluecoat Beechdale Academy students achieving a 49% in English and Mathematics
- Restructure of the curriculum to allow for increased teaching time in English and Mathematics to ensure better outcomes for students
- During 2017-18 over 90% of all lessons at Bluecoat Aspley Academy and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy were judged to be good or outstanding
- Continued emphasis on behaviour, the complete rollout of the behaviour tracking system and the employment of full time Year Leaders has impacted on the continued drop in exclusion rates
- All safeguarding processes are up to date including training for both staff and students on Prevent to counter radicalisation. A new post has been created in 2017 to enhance our safeguarding provision with a Trust wide safeguarding position now in place. The Trust employs the only two Senior Designated Safeguarding leads for the City of Nottingham. These postholders provide training and support for a range of schools and academies across Nottingham
- Sixth Form students regularly obtain places at Oxford, Cambridge and medical schools



# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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### **The purpose of the system of internal control**

The 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 on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Trust 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. The system of internal control has been in place at Archway Learning Trust for the year ended 31 August 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

### **Capacity to handle risk**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 31 August 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

### **The risk and control framework**

The 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 and agreed by the Board of Trustees
- regular reviews by the Board of Trustees 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
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- identification and management of risks

The Board of Trustees have considered the need for a specific internal audit function and have appointed Smith Cooper LLP as internal auditors. A termly report is prepared by internal audit and is presented to the Board of Trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities. In particular the checks carried out in the current year to 31 August 2018 included testing over the following areas:

- Fixed assets
- Purchasing
- Payroll – joiners and leavers
- Expense claims
- Bank & cash
- Grant income
- Financial Reporting and control account reconciliations

Two audit visits have taken place for the Autumn 2017 and Spring 2018 terms; the Summer 2018 was audited in November 2018. Trustees have received the reports which did not contain any matters of significance. All recommendations made have been noted and actioned.

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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### Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer the Chief Executive Officer 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 Smith Cooper LLP (internal auditor);
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of Senior Leaders within the Trust who have 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 Trustees and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 13 December 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



T. Rees  
Chair



S. E. Hampton  
Chief Executive Officer and Accounting Officer

## ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

### STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

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As Accounting Officer of Archway Learning Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

I confirm that I and the Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

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 ESFA.



S. E. Hampton  
Accounting Officer

13 December 2018

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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The Trustees who are also the Directors of Archway Learning Trust for the purposes of company law are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (including the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

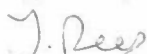
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the 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 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 that grants received from the DfE/ESFA 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 members of the Board of Trustees on 13 December 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



T. Rees

Chair

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

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### Opinion on financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of Archway Learning Trust (the "charitable company") for the year ended 31 August 2018 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, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and the Academies: Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2018 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 Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

### Basis for opinion

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

### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees' have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Opinion on other matter 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, which includes the Directors' Report and the Strategic Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report and the Strategic Report included within the Trustees' Reports have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST (CONTINUED)

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' or the Strategic Report included within the Trustees' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charity, 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

### Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities set out on page 19, the Trustees (who act as Trustees for the charitable activities of the charitable company 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 charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

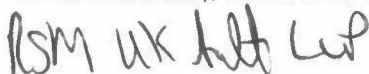
### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Philip Coleman (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of RSM UK AUDIT LLP, Statutory Auditor  
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# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed asset Funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	4	108	67	238	413	6,424
Donation - Transfer in of The Nottingham Emmanuel School	32	387	(2,147)	19,261	17,501	-
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	5	-	23,246	-	23,246	18,859
Other trading activities	6	184	968	-	1,152	1,204
Investments	7	9	-	-	9	7
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<u>688</u>	<u>22,134</u>	<u>19,499</u>	<u>42,321</u>	<u>26,494</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	9	<u>44</u>	<u>26,511</u>	<u>4,457</u>	<u>31,012</u>	<u>22,269</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		644	(4,377)	15,042	11,309	4,225
Transfers between funds	20	(539)	151	388	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>						
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	29	<u>-</u>	<u>2,356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,356</u>	<u>(5)</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		105	(1,870)	15,430	13,665	4,220
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		<u>278</u>	<u>(8,078)</u>	<u>73,135</u>	<u>65,335</u>	<u>61,115</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>383</u>	<u>(9,948)</u>	<u>88,565</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>65,335</u>

**ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST****BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018**

		2018	2017
	Notes	£'000	£'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	88,565	73,135
Investments	14	-	-
		<u>88,565</u>	<u>73,135</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	15	667	379
Cash at bank and in hand		2,465	2,652
		<u>3,132</u>	<u>3,031</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(2,482)	(1,789)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>650</u>	<u>1,242</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>89,215</u>	<u>74,377</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(267)	(400)
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>		<u>88,948</u>	<u>73,977</u>
Defined benefit pension liability	29	(9,948)	(8,642)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>79,000</u>	<u>65,335</u>
<b>Funds of the Academy Trust:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>	20		
- Restricted fixed asset funds		88,565	73,135
- Restricted general funds		-	565
- Pension reserve		(9,948)	(8,642)
<b>Total restricted funds</b>		<u>78,617</u>	<u>65,058</u>
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>	20	<u>383</u>	<u>277</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>79,000</u>	<u>65,335</u>

The financial statements set out on pages 22 to 49 were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 December 2018 and are signed on its behalf by:



T. Rees  
Chair



# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

		2018	2017
	Notes	£'000	£'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash used by operating activities	23	(318)	1,174
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	25	264	(458)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	24	(133)	(133)
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(187)</u>	<u>583</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2017</b>		2,652	2,069
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2018</b>	26	<u>2,465</u>	<u>2,652</u>

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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#### 1 Accounting policies

Archway Learning Trust is a charitable company ('The Trust'). The address of its principal place of business is given on page 1 and the nature of its operations are set out in the Trustees' report.

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Trust have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The Trust owns 100% of the share capital of Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited. The Trust and its subsidiary constitute a medium-sized group, however consolidated group accounts have not been prepared as it is considered that the subsidiary is not material for the purpose of a true and fair view. The accounts therefore show information about the Trust as an individual entity only.

Archway Learning Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and has therefore applied the relevant public benefit requirements of FRS 102.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been applied consistently, in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is also the functional currency of the Academy Trust.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £1,000, except where otherwise indicated

#### Going concern

The Trustees 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 charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees 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 Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the 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.

#### Income

All incoming resources are recognised when the Trust has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable 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 and there is not unconditional entitlement to the income, 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.

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#### **1 Accounting policies (Continued)**

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.

#### **Sponsorship income**

Sponsorship income provided to the Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

#### **Donations**

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

#### **Other income**

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable in the period it is receivable and to the extent the Trust has provided the goods or services.

#### **Donated goods, facilities and services**

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 Trust's accounting policies.

#### **Transfer of existing academies into the Trust**

Where assets and liabilities are received on the transfer of an existing academy into the academy trust, the transferred net 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 academy trust. An equal amount of income is recognised for the transfer of an existing academy into the academy trust within Donations and capital grant income to the net assets acquired.

#### **Expenditure**

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

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

#### **Expenditure on raising funds**

This includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

#### **Charitable activities**

These are costs incurred on the Academy Trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Academy Trust apportioned to charitable activities.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

##### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Assets costing £3,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Subsequent costs are capitalised only when it is probable that such costs will generate future economic benefits. All other costs of repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of financial activities as incurred.

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. 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 such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the Trust's depreciation policy. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	50 years straight line per annum
Long leasehold land and buildings	50-125 years straight line per annum
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% -25% straight line per annum

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.

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost less any identified impairment loss. Cost includes professional fees and other directly attributable costs that are necessary to bring the property to its operating condition. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

##### **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 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.

##### **Leased assets**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

##### **Investments**

The academy's shareholding in the wholly owned subsidiary, Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited, is initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any impairment. An assessment for impairment is made at each reporting date.

##### **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 and liabilities**

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the academy becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the financial instrument's contractual obligations, rather than the financial instrument's legal form.

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All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. A financial asset or financial liability that is payable or receivable in one year is measured at the undiscounted amount expected to be received or paid net of impairment, unless it is a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

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

#### **De-recognition of financial assets and liabilities**

A financial asset is derecognised only when the contractual rights to cash flows expire or are settled, or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to another party, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party. A financial liability (or part thereof) is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### **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.

#### **Short-term employment benefits**

Short term employment benefits such as salaries and compensated absences (holiday pay) are recognised as an expense in the year in which the employees render service to the Academy Trust. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement the Academy Trust expects to pay in future periods is recognised in the period the employees' services are rendered.

#### **Pension benefits**

Retirement benefits to employees of the Trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'), which are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as 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 on the basis of 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 scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the 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 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.

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#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Trust at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder/donor and include grants from the Education and Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

#### **Agency arrangements**

The Academy Trust acts as an agent in the administering of 16-19 Bursary Funds from the ESFA. Related payments received from the ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities to the extent that the Academy Trust does not have a beneficial interest in the individual transactions. The allowance of 5% as a contribution to administration costs is however recognised in Statement of Financial Activities. Where funds have not been fully applied in the year then an amount will be included as amounts due to the ESFA.

## **2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Accounting 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 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.

#### **Pension scheme**

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, which are disclosed in note 29, 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 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2018. 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.

#### **Depreciation**

The assessment of the useful economic lives and the method of depreciating fixed assets requires judgement. Depreciation is charged to profit or loss based on the useful economic life selected, which requires an estimation of the period and profile over which the Trust expects to consume the future economic benefits embodied in the assets.

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#### 3 Comparative year information

Year ended 31 August 2017	Unrestricted Funds £'000	General £'000	Restricted funds: Fixed asset £'000	Total 2017 £'000
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and capital grants	35	68	6,321	6,424
Charitable activities:				
- Funding for educational operations	-	18,859	-	18,859
Other trading activities	151	1,053	-	1,204
Investments	7	-	-	7
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>19,980</b>	<b>6,321</b>	<b>26,494</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities:				
- Educational operations	31	20,032	2,206	22,269
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>(52)</b>	<b>4,115</b>	<b>4,225</b>
Transfers between funds	(7)	(458)	465	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>				
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	-	(5)	-	(5)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>(515)</b>	<b>4,580</b>	<b>4,220</b>

#### 4 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2018 £'000	Total 2017 £'000
Private sponsorship	-	52	52	60
Capital grants	-	238	238	258
Other donations	108	15	123	43
Donations – The Nottingham Emmanuel School	387	17,114	17,501	6,063
	<b>495</b>	<b>17,419</b>	<b>17,914</b>	<b>6,424</b>

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#### 5 Funding for the Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2018 £'000	Total 2017 £'000
<b>DfE / ESFA grants</b>				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	21,006	21,006	16,382
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	1,238	1,238	1,088
	<u>-</u>	<u>22,244</u>	<u>22,244</u>	<u>17,470</u>
<b>Other government grants</b>				
Local authority grants	-	364	364	1002
Special education grants	-	638	638	387
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>1,389</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,246</u>	<u>23,246</u>	<u>18,859</u>

#### 6 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2018 £'000	Total 2017 £'000
Sundry lettings and hire of facilities	51	-	51	55
Catering income	23	421	444	440
Sales of goods/services	-	33	33	198
Trip income	-	176	176	131
Workplace parking income	67	-	67	67
Student teacher income	-	297	297	305
Other income	43	41	84	8
	<u>184</u>	<u>968</u>	<u>1,152</u>	<u>1,204</u>

#### 7 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2018 £'000	Total 2017 £'000
Short term deposits	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>



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8 Expenditure	Staff costs £'000	Premises & equipment £'000	Other costs £'000	Total 2018 £'000	Total 2017 £'000
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	16,877	-	4,765	21,642	16,411
- Allocated support costs	4,267	4,457	646	9,370	5,858
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>21,144</b>	<b>4,457</b>	<b>5,411</b>	<b>31,012</b>	<b>22,269</b>

<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:</b>	<b>2018 £'000</b>	<b>2017 £'000</b>
Fees payable to auditor		
- Audit	22	18
- Other services	3	1
Operating lease rentals	67	33
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	249	160
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,449	2200
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	8	6
Interest on other loans	21	26

#### Central services

The Trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- human resources
- financial services
- legal services
- educational support services
- IT network management services
- facilities services
- admissions services
- alternative provision for off-site education

The Trust charges for these services on the following basis:

Central charges, such as Human Resources, Finance costs, etc. were recharged to Bluecoat Aspley Academy, Bluecoat Beechdale Academy, Bluecoat Primary Academy and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy based on a 5% recharge of GAG funded income. No recharge was made for these services for The Nottingham Emmanuel School as they joined part way through the year and their budgets had already been set.

The amounts charged during the year were as follows:	<b>Total £'000</b>
Bluecoat Aspley Academy	513
Bluecoat Beechdale Academy	269
Bluecoat Primary School	59
Bluecoat Wollaton Academy	251
The Nottingham Emmanuel School	-
	<b>1,092</b>

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#### 9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2018 £'000	Total 2017 £'000
Direct costs - educational operations	-	21,642	21,642	16,411
Support costs - educational operations	44	9,326	9,370	5,858
	<u>44</u>	<u>30,968</u>	<u>31,012</u>	<u>22,269</u>
			<b>2018</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2017</b> <b>£'000</b>
<b>Analysis of support costs</b>				
Support staff costs			4,267	3,218
Depreciation and amortisation			4,457	2,200
Other support costs			461	373
Governance costs			141	67
			<u>9,326</u>	<u>5,858</u>

#### 10 Staff costs

	<b>2018</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2017</b> <b>£'000</b>
Salaries	15,333	12,180
Social security costs	1,432	1,123
Operating costs of defined benefit schemes	3,736	2,753
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>20,501</b>	<b>16,056</b>
Supply staff costs	495	241
Staff development and other staff costs	148	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,144</b>	<b>16,385</b>

#### Non statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Included within staff costs are non-statutory severance payment totalling £45,050 (2017: £2,900). This was for five members of staff, and the payments were made in January, February and April 2018.

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#### 10 Staff costs (Continued)

##### Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the Trust during the year was as follows:

	2018 Number	2017 Number
Teachers	249	192
Administration and support	308	264
Management	27	29
	<u>584</u>	<u>485</u>

##### Higher paid staff

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

	2018 Number	2017 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	10	13
£70,001 - £80,000	3	1
£120,001 - £130,000	1	1
	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>

##### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Trust comprise the Trustees and the Executive Leadership Team as listed on page 1 as well as individual academy Principals. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employers national insurance) received by key management personnel for their services to the Trust was £694,369 (2017: £496,673).

#### 11 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One of the Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Trust. The CEO only receives remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the role of CEO Principal under their contract of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees were not paid any remuneration nor received any benefits from employment with the Trust.

The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

S E Hampton, the CEO, received remuneration of £128,497 in 2018 (2017: £124,927) and pension contributions paid by the Trust in the year of £21,176 (2016: £20,588).

During the year ended 31 August 2018, 3 (2017: 3) Trustees claimed expenses or had their expenses met by the Trust. The expenses incurred were in respect of travel and subsistence and an amount of £1,230 (2017: £739) was reimbursed or paid by the Trust.

#### 12 Trustees and officers insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £2,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2018 was £ 900 (2017: £323). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

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#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Long leasehold land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Assets under construction	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2017	21,343	56,343	5,956	-	83,642
Transfers	-	18,919	342	-	19,261
Additions	28	-	564	34	626
Disposals	-	-	(28)	-	(28)
At 31 August 2018	21,371	75,262	6,834	34	103,501
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 September 2017	1,289	5,116	4,102	-	10,507
On disposal	-	-	(20)	-	(20)
Charge for the year	379	3,277	793	-	4,449
At 31 August 2018	1,668	8,393	4,875	-	14,936
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 August 2018	19,703	66,869	1,959	34	88,565
At 31 August 2017	20,054	51,227	1,854	-	73,135

During the year the Trust received a transfer of fixed assets from The Nottingham Emmanuel School who joined the Trust on 1 January 2018. The balances were transferred as per the closing accounts for The Nottingham Emmanuel School.

#### 14 Fixed asset investments

	Total £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 31 August 2017 and 2018	1

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 14 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

##### Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Shares held	
		Class	%
Subsidiary undertakings			
Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

Principal activities	Capital and reserves Profit/(loss) for the year	
	£'000	£'000
Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited Lettings service	-	74

Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited's results are not consolidated into the academy accounts on the grounds that their results are immaterial to the group as a whole. The registered office of Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited is the same as that of the Trust.

15 Debtors	2018	2017
	£'000	£'000
Trade debtors	39	7
Group debtors	74	24
VAT recoverable	52	24
Other debtors	252	24
Prepayments and accrued income	250	300
	<u>667</u>	<u>379</u>
16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2018	2017
	£'000	£'000
Other loans	133	133
Trade creditors	143	263
Other taxation & social security	390	280
Other creditors	422	284
Accruals and deferred income	1,394	829
	<u>2,482</u>	<u>1,789</u>

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<b>17</b>	<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
	Other loans	267	400
		<u>267</u>	<u>400</u>
	<b>Analysis of loans</b>		
	Wholly repayable within five years	400	533
	Less: included in current liabilities	(133)	(133)
		<u>267</u>	<u>400</u>
	Amounts included above	267	400
		<u>267</u>	<u>400</u>
	<b>Loan maturity</b>		
	Debt due in one year or less	133	133
	Due in more than one year but not more than two years	133	133
	Due in more than two years but not more than five years	134	267
		<u>400</u>	<u>533</u>

There are two loans from Nottingham Bluecoat School Foundation which have back to back loans secured on the freehold land & buildings of the Trust. Interest is charged at Base+1.25% and Libor+1.25% respectively. This is charged to charitable expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

<b>18</b>	<b>Deferred income</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
	Deferred income is included within:		
	Creditors due within one year	424	244
		<u>424</u>	<u>244</u>
	Deferred income at 1 September 2017	244	241
	Released from previous years	(244)	(241)
	Amounts deferred in the year	424	244
		<u>424</u>	<u>244</u>
	<b>Deferred income at 31 August 2018</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>244</b>

At the reporting date, the Trust was holding funds for the following:

- Special Educational Needs Funding from Nottingham City Council
- Trip income received 2017/18 for trips taking place in 2018/19
- ESFA Reimbursements Rates/Insurance

<b>19</b>	<b>Financial instruments</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
	<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	368	81
		<u>368</u>	<u>81</u>
	<b>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</b>		
	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(1,935)	(1,665)
		<u>(1,935)</u>	<u>(1,665)</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 20 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2017	Income	Expenditure	Gains, losses & transfers	Balance at 31 August 2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant	(401)	21,006	(20,756)	151	-
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	1,238	(1,238)	-	-
Other government grants	966	1,002	(1,968)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	1,035	(1,035)	-	-
	<u>565</u>	<u>24,281</u>	<u>(24,997)</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>-</u>
Funds excluding pensions	565	24,281	(24,997)	151	-
Pension reserve	(8,642)	(2,147)	(1,515)	2,356	(9,948)
	<u>(8,077)</u>	<u>22,134</u>	<u>(26,512)</u>	<u>2,507</u>	<u>(9,948)</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
DfE / ESFA capital grants	58	238	(238)	-	58
Inherited funds	56,418	19,261	(4,106)	-	71,573
Capital expenditure from GAG	6,398	-	-	-	6,398
Capital expenditure from unrestricted reserves	764	-	-	388	1,152
Private sector capital sponsorship	9,497	-	(113)	-	9,384
	<u>73,135</u>	<u>19,499</u>	<u>(4,457)</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>88,565</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>65,058</u>	<u>41,633</u>	<u>(30,968)</u>	<u>2,894</u>	<u>78,617</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	<u>277</u>	<u>688</u>	<u>(44)</u>	<u>(539)</u>	<u>383</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>65,335</u>	<u>42,321</u>	<u>(31,012)</u>	<u>2,356</u>	<u>79,000</u>

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### Funds prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2016	Income	Expenditure	Gains, losses & transfers	Balance at 31 August 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant	90	16,382	(16,415)	(458)	(401)
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	1,088	(1,088)	-	-
Other government grants	-	1,388	(422)	-	966
Other restricted funds	-	1,122	(1,122)	-	-
	<u>90</u>	<u>19,980</u>	<u>(19,047)</u>	<u>(458)</u>	<u>565</u>
Funds excluding pensions	90	19,980	(19,047)	(458)	565
Pension reserve	(7,652)	-	(985)	(5)	(8,642)
	<u>(7,562)</u>	<u>19,980</u>	<u>(20,032)</u>	<u>(463)</u>	<u>(8,077)</u>
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
DfE / ESFA capital grants	-	58	-	-	58
Inherited funds	58,624	-	(2,206)	-	56,418
Capital expenditure from GAG	5,933	-	-	465	6,398
Capital expenditure from unrestricted reserves	764	-	-	-	764
Private sector capital sponsorship	3,234	6,263	-	-	9,497
	<u>68,555</u>	<u>6,321</u>	<u>(2,206)</u>	<u>465</u>	<u>73,135</u>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>60,993</u>	<u>26,301</u>	<u>(22,238)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>65,058</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	<u>122</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>(31)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>277</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>61,115</u>	<u>26,494</u>	<u>(22,269)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>65,335</u>

The prior year figures above have been adjusted to reallocate the restricted NCSEP carried forward reserves of £966,000 which were incorrectly included within GAG.



# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 20 Funds (Continued)

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2018.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The inherited fixed assets fund has been set up to recognise the tangible assets gifted to the academy upon conversion which represent the school site including the leasehold land and buildings and all material items of plant and machinery included therein. This fund also includes any subsequent assets inherited on transfer in of academy trusts. Depreciation charged on those inherited assets is allocated to the fund.

Other capital grant fixed assets funds have been set up to recognise the tangible assets purchased by the Trust that have been funded by capital grants received by the Trust, as well as any capital donations received post conversion. Depreciation charged on those tangible assets is allocated to the fund.

The General Annual Grant (GAG) represents the core funding for the educational activities of the school that has been provided to each Academy within the Trust via the Education and Skills Funding Agency (formerly the Young People's Learning Agency) by the Department for Education. The General Annual Grant Fund has been set up because the GAG must be used for the normal running costs of the academies within the Trust.

Transfers have been made from unrestricted funds to the restricted fixed asset fund amounting to £388,000 to cover the purchase of assets required for the provision of education of students across Archway Learning Trust.

The Pension Reserve deficit fund has been created to separately identify the pension deficit inherited from the local authority upon conversion of each Academy, and through which all the pension scheme movements are recognised.

#### Total funds analysis by academy

	<b>Total 2018</b>	<b>Total 2017</b>
Fund balances at 31 August 2018 were allocated as follows:	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Bluecoat Aspley Academy	(631)	
Bluecoat Wollaton Academy	(364)	
Bluecoat Primary Academy	109	
	<u>(886)</u>	<u>80</u>
Bluecoat Beechdale Academy	587	511
The Nottingham Emmanuel School	532	
Archway Learning Trust	150	251
Total before fixed assets fund and pension reserve	<u>383</u>	<u>842</u>
Restricted fixed assets fund and pension reserve	88,565	73,135
Pension reserve	(9,948)	(8,642)
Total funds	<u>79,000</u>	<u>65,335</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 20 Funds (Continued)

Bluecoat Aspley Academy and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy are showing ring-fenced deficits in their reserves. This is as a result of large capital investments (Bluecoat Aspley Academy 6<sup>th</sup> form centre extension, Bluecoat Wollaton Academy ancillary capital works to the BSF funded new building) which were funded by the academies. This deficit was offset by positive balances brought forward relating to Nottingham City Secondary Education Partnership (NCSEP). NCSEP transferred its operations from the Trust to the local authority as at 31 March 2018. This resulted in expenditure amounting to £966,000, including £379,000 of surplus funds returned to the local authority, being accounted for in Bluecoat Aspley Academy's results for the year. Archway Learning Trust manages its capital investment programme across the Trust. Reserves are pooled across the Trust for this purpose. Trust wide reserves before the Fixed Asset Fund and Pension Reserve are £383,000. Bluecoat Aspley Academy and Bluecoat Wollaton Academy are forecasting to contribute annually to the Trust reserves thereby reducing their reserve deficit each year. This will be achieved by Bluecoat Wollaton Academy in the near future. Bluecoat Aspley Academy will continue to contribute to their reserve position annually, however, further planned capital investment means that it is a longer-term strategy.

#### Total cost analysis by academy

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff costs	Other support staff costs	Educational supplies	Other costs excluding depreciation	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bluecoat Aspley Academy	6,253	1,420	2,204	804	10,682	
Bluecoat Wollaton	3,100	622	747	347	4,816	
Bluecoat Primary Academy	806	166	279	93	1,344	
					16,842	14,761
Bluecoat Beechdale	3,228	798	832	430	5,288	4,428
The Nottingham Emmanuel School	2,779	528	821	4	4,132	-
Archway Learning Trust	711	735	(120)	(1,032)	294	874
	<u>16,877</u>	<u>4,269</u>	<u>4,763</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>26,556</u>	<u>20,063</u>

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total 2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2018 are represented by</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	88,565	88,565
Current assets	383	2,749	-	3,132
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(2,482)	-	(2,482)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(267)	-	(267)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(9,948)	-	(9,948)
	<u>383</u>	<u>(9,948)</u>	<u>88,565</u>	<u>79,000</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total 2017
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2017 are represented by</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	73,135	73,135
Current assets	277	2,754	-	3,031
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(1,789)	-	(1,789)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(400)	-	(400)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(8,642)	-	(8,642)
	<u>277</u>	<u>(8,077)</u>	<u>73,135</u>	<u>65,335</u>

#### 22 Commitments under operating leases

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Amounts due within one year	91	19
Amounts due between one and five years	224	-
Amounts due later than five years	76	-
	<u>391</u>	<u>19</u>

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 23 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flows from operating activities

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Net income / (expenditure) for the reporting period	11,309	4,225
Adjusted for:-		
Depreciation	4,449	2,200
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA and other capital income	(238)	(6,321)
Interest receivable	(9)	(7)
Net (surplus)/deficit on Transfer in of academy Trust	(17,501)	-
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	1,266	825
Defined benefit pension scheme finance costs/(income)	249	160
Losses/(profits) on disposals of fixed assets	8	6
Decrease in debtors	90	59
Increase in creditors	59	27
<b>Net cash (utilised)/provided by operating activities</b>	<b>(318)</b>	<b>1,174</b>

#### 24 Cash flows from financing activities

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
<b>Repayments of borrowing</b>		
Repayments of borrowing	(133)	(133)

#### 25 Cash flows from investing activities

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	9	7
Purchase of tangible assets	(626)	(723)
Cash fund acquired on transfer in of Academy Trust	643	-
Capital grants from DfE	238	58
Capital funding received from sponsors and other	-	200
	<b>264</b>	<b>(458)</b>

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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#### 26 Analysis of cash and cash equivalent

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Cash in hand and at bank	2,165	2,652
Notice deposits (less than three months)	300	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>2,465</u>	<u>2,652</u>

#### 27 Members liability

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

#### 28 Pensions and similar obligations

The 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 Nottinghamshire County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016

In 2017 contributions of £243,081 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2017, in 2018 no contributions were outstanding.

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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#### 29 Teachers' Pension Scheme

##### Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis - these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer.

##### Valuation of the Teacher's 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. The aim of the review is to specify 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 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%.

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on March 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £1,524,664 (2017: £1,114,979).

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust 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.

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 29 Pensions and similar obligations (Continued)

##### Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee administered funds. Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

The current valuation does not reflect the expected increase in benefits and therefore liability as a result of Guaranteed Minimum Pension ('GMP') equalisation between men and women which is required as a result of the removal of the Additional State Pension. Methodologies for a long-term solution are still being investigated by the Government as set out in the published (January 2018) outcome of the Government Consultation 'Indexation and Equalisation of GMP in Public Sector Pensions Schemes' and therefore the expected impact cannot be reliably estimated and consequently no provision/liability has been recognised.

Total contributions made	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Employer's contributions	947	732
Employees' contributions	333	254
Total contributions	1,280	986

The agreed contribution rates for future years are 18% for employers and 5.5 to 12.5% for employees.

Principal actuarial assumptions	2018 %	2017 %
Rate of increases in salaries	3.8	4.2
Rate of increase for pensions in payment	2.3	2.7
Discount rate	2.7	2.6

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

	2018 Years	2017 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	22.7	22.6
- Females	25.6	25.5
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	24.9	24.8
- Females	28.0	27.9

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 29 Pensions and similar obligations (Continued)

The Trust's share of the assets in the scheme	2018 Fair value £'000	2017 Fair value £'000
Equities	6,605	4,246
Gilts and other bonds	1,360	977
Cash	188	135
Inflation-linked pooled fund	306	158
Property	1,417	749
Other assets	382	155
Total fair value of assets	10,258	6,420
Actual return on scheme assets	481	835
Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
Current service cost	2,211	1,554
Net interest cost	249	160
Administration expenses	2	3
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations		2018 £'000
Obligations at 1 September 2017		15,062
Current service cost		2,211
Interest cost		469
Employee contributions		333
Actuarial gain		(2,095)
Benefits paid plus unfunded net of transfers in		(61)
Liabilities assumed on transfer in of The Nottingham Emmanuel School		4,287
At 31 August 2018		20,206
Changes in the fair value of the Trust's share of scheme assets		2018 £'000
Assets at 1 September 2017		6,420
Interest income		220
Return on plan assets (excluding net interest on the net defined pension liability)		261
Employer contributions		947
Employee contributions		333
Actuarial loss		0
Admin expenses		(2)
Benefits paid plus unfunded net of transfers in		(61)
Assets received on transfer in of The Nottingham Emmanuel School		2,140
At 31 August 2018		10,258



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 30 Related party transactions

No related party transactions took place in the period of account other than certain Trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 11, loan repayments to Bluecoat Foundation Trust and recharges to Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited.

The predecessor school to Bluecoat Academy had entered into loan arrangements with the Bluecoat Foundation Trust. The balance of these loans (£2,063,999) was transferred to the Academy on conversion. During the year the Academy made capital repayments against outstanding loans to the Bluecoat Foundation Trust amounting to £133,333 and the balance remaining at year end was £400,000.

During the year recharges of £53,926 (2017: £56,037) were made to Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited relating to salaries and professional services supplied by the Trust. At the year-end £nil (2017: £4,754) was owed to the Academy Trust in respect of these services. During the year an amount of £74,296 (2017: £18,600) was gift aided to the Trust from Bluecoat Academy Trading Limited. At the year-end £74,296 (2017: £18,600) was owed to the Academy trust in respect of this donation.

The Nottingham Emmanuel School is related to The Nottingham Emmanuel School Foundation Trust by virtue of common Trustees. During the year the Trust received £nil (2017: £nil) from The Nottingham Emmanuel School Foundation in order to make VAT payments against a HMRC Lennartz scheme in respect of school buildings which The Nottingham Emmanuel School inherited on conversion in June 2013. The Nottingham Emmanuel School Foundation underwrite the quarterly payments to be made against this arrangement. At the year end the total amount outstanding to this scheme was £175,546 (2017: £nil).

#### 31 Agency arrangements

Archway Learning Trust received £82,055 from the Education and Skills Funding Agency in respect of Sixth Form Bursary allocations. The Trust withholds 5% to pay for the administration of these funds and the remaining funds are distributed to Sixth Form students. As at 31 August 2018 there was £9,015 of funds payable to students. A further agency arrangement is maintained in respect of the Bluecoat SCITT Trainee Teacher Bursary. Archway Learning Trust received £290,000 from NCTL. As at 31 August 2018 there was an amount of £29,400 still payable to Trainee Teachers. Both of these liabilities are included within other creditors.

#### 32 Transfer in of academy

On 1 January 2018 all the operations and assets and liabilities of The Nottingham Emmanuel School were transferred to the Trust for £nil consideration. The transfer has been accounted for as a combination that is in substance a gift. The assets and liabilities transferred were value at their fair values and recognised in the balance sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as a net gain in the statement of financial activities as Donation – transfer in of Academy Trust.

The following tables set out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of Financial Activities:

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted general funds £000	Restricted fixed asset funds £000	Total £000
Leasehold land & buildings	-	-	18,919	18,919
Other tangible fixed assets	-	-	342	342
Debtors	378	-	-	378
Cash at Bank	643	-	-	643
Creditors	(634)	-	-	(634)
LGPS pension deficit	-	(2,147)	-	(2,147)
Net assets/(liabilities)	387	(2,147)	19,262	17,501

# ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

#### 33 Teaching School (SCITT) trading account

		2017/18 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2016/17 £000's
<b>Income</b>	<b>Direct Income</b>				
	Other Income		38		63
	<b>Other Income</b>				
	Fundraising				
	Trading Activities		290		304
<b>Total Income</b>			<u>328</u>		<u>367</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Direct Costs</b>				
	Direct staff costs	162		168	
	Staff Development	1		3	
	Other direct costs	104		106	
	<b>Total Direct Costs</b>		<u>(267)</u>		<u>(277)</u>
	<b>Other costs</b>				
	Support staff costs	48		41	
	Depreciation	-		0	
	Technology Costs	4		5	
	Recruitment and support	2		1	
	Other support Costs	23		16	
	Share of governance costs	3		5	
	<b>Total other Costs</b>		<u>(80)</u>		<u>(68)</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<u>(347)</u>		<u>(345)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)			(19)		22
Transfers between funds excluding depreciation			<u>(22)</u>		<u>12</u>
			<u>(41)</u>		<u>34</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) from all sources</b>			(42)		34
<b>SCITT school balances brought forward</b>			1		(33)
<b>SCITT school balances carried forward</b>			(41)		1

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO ARCHWAY LEARNING TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

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## Conclusion

We have carried out an engagement in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 11 June 2018 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency ('ESFA') as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018, to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Archway Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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 2017 to 31 August 2018 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

## Basis for conclusion

The framework that has been applied is set out in the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 Part 9: Regularity Reporting. We are independent of Archway Academy Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are applicable to this engagement and we have fulfilled our ethical requirements in accordance with these requirements. We believe the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient to provide a basis for our conclusion.

## Responsibilities of Archway Academy Trust's accounting officer and Trustees

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Archway Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 26 March 2014 and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2017, 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. The accounting officer is also responsible for preparing the Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance. The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the proper conduct and financial operation of Archway Academy Trust and appointment of the accounting officer.

## Reporting Accountant's responsibilities for reporting on regularity

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 Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018.

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 the procedures performed vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement; consequently a limited assurance engagement 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.

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 2017 to 31 August 2018 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our work included identification and assessment of the design and operational effectiveness of the controls, policies and procedures that have been implemented to ensure compliance with the framework of authorities including the specific requirements of the funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education, the Academies Financial Handbook 2017 published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and high level financial control areas where we identified a material risk of irregularity is likely to arise. It also included areas assessed as presenting a higher risk of impropriety. We undertook detailed testing, on a sample basis, based on the identified areas where a material irregularity is likely to arise, or potential impropriety where such areas are in respect of controls, policies and procedures that apply to classes of transactions. Our work was undertaken with due regard to the 'Evidence to support conclusion on regularity' guidance in Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018.

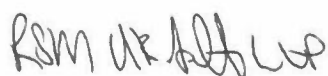
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This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements and evidence was also derived from the conduct of that audit to the extent it supports the regularity conclusion.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to Archway Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 11 June 2018. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Archway Academy Trust and the ESFA 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 Archway Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.



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