

**Company registration number 08063683 (England and Wales)**

**KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

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

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

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## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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### Members

Mrs R Mugnai  
Mr T Rutter  
Mr M Ashford  
Mrs N Campion

### Trustees

Mrs N Campion (Chair to 31 August 2025)  
Mr J Cochrane (Resigned 16 June 2025)  
Mr C Daly  
Mrs E L Miller  
Mr C Steel (Accounting Officer)  
Mrs A Westgarth  
Mrs E Bulmer (Chair from 31 August 2025)  
P King-Williams (Appointed 7 October 2024)  
Mrs R Mugnai (Resigned 2 July 2025)  
Rev B Jones (Appointed 25 September 2025)

### Senior management team

- Headteacher
- Deputy Headteacher
- Early Years Leader
- Academy Business Manager
- SENCO

Mr C Steel  
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### Company registration number

08063683 (England and Wales)

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# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and independent auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report and a directors' report under company law.

The academy trust operates an academy for pupils aged 3 to 11 serving a catchment area in Kibblesworth and the wider Birtley area. It has a pupil capacity of 240 and had a roll of 122 in the school census of October 2025.

The trust is located South West of the Newcastle / Gateshead conurbation, enjoying a semi-rural setting. The village of Kibblesworth is an ex-mining community. The school continues to suffer from a falling roll with the associated financial pressures. Indications are that the roll will stabilise, with the school being viable at a size consistent with its roll historically. In addition, plans still exist for a new housing development within the catchment of the school, although developers are yet to break ground. We continue to manage our resources effectively to meet the challenges of falling roll, ensuring that the quality of education does not suffer. Although the trust remains open to the possibility of a merger with another larger trust, the trust is not actively looking to merge with another at this time.

## Structure, governance and management

### Constitution

The Academy Trust was incorporated on 1 May 2012 and is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity, 08063683. The company commenced operation as an academy on 1 June 2012. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The articles of association require the members of the charitable company to be responsible for the statutory and constitutional affairs of the charitable company and management of the Academy.

The governors act as trustees for the charitable activities of Kibblesworth Academy and are also known as the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Kibblesworth Academy.

Details of the trustees who served throughout the period between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, except as noted, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on Page 1.

### Members' liability

Every member of the Academy Trust undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £10) to the Academy Trust's assets if it should be wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for payment of the Academy Trust's debts and liabilities before he or she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

### Trustees' indemnities

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 every trustee or other officer or auditor of the Academy Trust shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Academy Trust against any liability incurred by him in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Academy Trust.

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

The trustee body is made up of Member appointments, Trustee appointments and Elected appointments. The members ensure a balance of trustees which includes parents, staff and members of the wider community. Recruitment or invitation to join the board is based upon a recognisable skill(s) set which can be employed to benefit the efficient and effective running of the trust. When a staff or parent vacancy arises recruitment is conducted following an advertisement of the vacancy inviting an expression of interest with submission of a proforma skills form. In the event of multiple expressions of interest each candidate is invited to pen a brief profile of themselves and why they wish to serve. A secret ballot is then conducted. Elected trustees are allocated to sub committees to reflect their personal skills and attributes.

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Membership is determined in accordance with the composition set out in the memorandum and articles. This states that the Academy Trust composition is comprised as follows:

The number of trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

Subject to Articles 48-49 and 64, the Academy Trust shall have the following trustees:

- (a) up to 4 governors, appointed under Article 50;
- (b) up to 3 staff governors, if appointed under Article 50A;
- (c) up to 4 and a minimum of 2 parent governors appointed under Articles 53-58;
- (d) the Principal;
- (e) any additional governors, if appointed under Article 62, 62A or 68A; and any further governors, if appointed under Article 63 or Article 68A.

#### APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS

The members may appoint up to 4 governors.

The members may appoint staff governors through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of governors (including the Principal) who are employees of the Academy Trust does not exceed one third of the total number of governors.

The Principal shall be treated for all purposes as being an ex officio governor.

Subject to Article 57, the parent governors shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy. A parent governor must be a parent of a pupil at the Academy at the time when he/she is elected.

The governing body shall make all necessary arrangements for, and determine all other matters relating to, an election of parent governors, including any question of whether a person is a parent of a registered pupil at the Academy. Any election of parent governors which is contested shall be held by secret ballot. The arrangements made for the election of a parent governor shall provide for every person who is entitled to vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so by post or, if he prefers, by having his ballot paper returned to the Academy Trust by a registered pupil at the Academy.

Where a vacancy for a parent governor is required to be filled by election, the governing body shall take such steps as are reasonably practical to secure that every person who is known to them to be a parent of a registered pupil at the Academy is informed of the vacancy and that it is required to be filled by election, informed that he is entitled to stand as a candidate, and vote at the election, and given an opportunity to do so.

The number of parent governors required shall be made up by parent governors appointed by the governing body if the number of parents standing for election is less than the number of vacancies. In appointing a parent governor the governing body shall appoint a person who is the parent of a registered pupil at the Academy; or where it is not reasonably practical to do so, a person who is the parent of a child of compulsory school age.

#### CO-OPTED GOVERNORS

The governors may appoint up to 3 co-opted governors. A 'co-opted governor' means a person who is appointed to be a governor by being co-opted by governors who have not themselves been so appointed. The governors may not co-opt an employee of the Academy Trust as a co-opted governor if thereby the number of governors who are employees of the Academy Trust would exceed one third of the total number of governors (including the Principal).

#### APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL GOVERNORS

The Secretary of State may also appoint such additional governors where following an inspection by the Chief Inspector in accordance with the Education Act 2005 (an "Inspection") the Academy Trust receives an Ofsted grading (being a grade referred to in The Framework for School Inspection or any modification or replacement of that document for the time being in force) which amounts to a drop, either from one inspection to the next inspection or between any two inspections carried out within a 5 year period, of two Ofsted grades. For the purposes of the foregoing the grade received by Kibblesworth Primary School shall be regarded as the grade received by the Academy.

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The Secretary of State may also appoint such further governors as he thinks fit if a Special Measures Termination Event (as defined in the Funding Agreement) occurs in respect of the Academy. Within 5 days of the Secretary of State appointing any additional or further governors in accordance with Articles 62, 62A or 63, any governors appointed under Article 50 and holding office immediately preceding the appointment of such governors, shall resign immediately and the members' power to appoint governors under Article 50 shall remain suspended until the Secretary of State removes one or more of the additional or further governors.

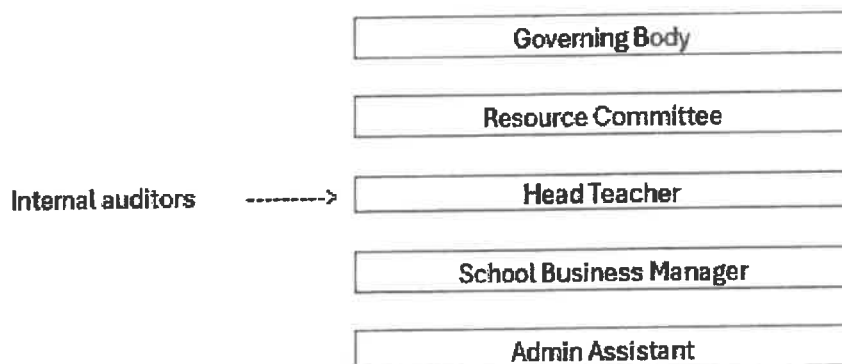
The term of office for any governor shall be 4 years, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Principal. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of governor, any governor may be re-appointed or re-elected.

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

All trustees must have an enhanced DBS check before taking up post, the trust arranges this for new appointments. New appointments are invited to a familiarisation meeting with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors. New trustees are given a mentor to help them understand the role and duties. Statutory training in Safeguarding must be undertaken at the first opportunity, other Governor development in specific duties is encouraged and facilitated. Where appropriate serving Governors are invited to join staff development events.

#### **Organisational structure**

The financial reporting structure is illustrated below and is followed by a short introduction to the role of each body.



#### **The Governing Body**

The Governing Body (GB) is the official term for the Board of Academy Governors. It is made up of representatives of the Academy staff, sponsors, the DfE and parents. The Governing Body must meet at least three times per annum. No business can be conducted unless quorums of two appointed members are present.

The GB's responsibilities cover the full range of the Academy's activities; however, finance matters will be a standing agenda item. The GB may delegate some of its financial responsibilities to the Resources Committee, which is a sub-committee of the GB. A representative of the Resources Committee will report on finance matters at each GB meeting. In addition, the GB must formally discuss and approve:

- The annual budget;
- Budget monitoring reports received from the Resources committee;
- Appointment, and remuneration, of senior staff;
- All purchasing decisions over £15,000;
- Disposal of assets above £1,000 in conjunction with the Secretary of State.

Governors may not receive any form of payment for their work, other than payment of reasonable out-of-pocket travel, accommodation or other expenses incurred while attending in the capacity of governor.

No governor may hold an interest in property belonging to the Academy, nor may a governor receive remuneration in respect of any contract to which the Academy is a party.

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#### Senior Management Team

The Head Teacher has overall executive responsibility for the Academy's activities within the framework of the agreed annual and longer term plans. The Head Teacher is deemed to be the Accounting Officer for reporting purposes. Much of the financial responsibility is delegated to the School Business Manager (SBM), but The Head Teacher retains responsibility for:

- Approving new staff appointments within the authorised structure, except for any senior staff posts requiring Governing Body (GB) approval;
- Authorising bonus/honorarium payments to staff as agreed by SLT as long as cost is affordable based on current budgets and forecasts; (up to a maximum of £1000, anything beyond £1000 to be agreed with the Resources Committee)
- Authorising the purchase of goods and services of value up to £7,500 and between £7,500 and £15,000, in conjunction with the Resources Committee;
- Signing cheques/authorising electronic payments in conjunction with other authorised signatories; at least one signatory must be the SBM or Head Teacher;
- Authorising the disposal of assets up to £500 in value.
- Sharing the ESFA's accounting officer's annual letter with all trustees and other members of the senior leadership team.

#### The Deputy Head Teacher

The Deputy Head Teacher is a class teacher with additional pedagogic responsibilities including deputising for the HT in their absence. The role, currently, does not have a financial responsibility element.

#### The School Business Manager

The School Business Manager (SBM) works closely with The Head Teacher through whom they are responsible to the governors. The SBM is deemed to be The Head Teacher Finance Officer for reporting purposes. The SBM also reports directly to the governors via the Resources Committee. The SBM is responsible for all non-academic matters, including finance, personnel, premises and Health and Safety. Day to day management of Finances is the primary role of the SBM with strategic financial management being in conjunction with the HT and Resources Committee.

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

The Academy has agreed to abide by the national pay and remuneration agreements for both teaching and support staff including senior leaders. Teachers pay progression is determined by agreed targets set at performance review meetings with the Head Teacher. The Head Teachers pay progression is determined by a sub group of trustees chaired by the Chair of Governors. Nationally agreed cost of living awards are implemented automatically.

#### Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

Trustees have declared no business interests to date and where any governors should declare an interest, procedures are in place to address this. The school have adopted a policy that if there are any interests declared the governor would remove themselves from the decision making process.

There are no related parties to Kibblesworth Academy.



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### Objectives and activities

#### Objects and aims

The overriding objectives of the school remain in same as in previous years, building on experience, success and innovation to deliver our vision and mission as described below.

The principal objective and activity of the charitable company is the operation of Kibblesworth Academy to provide education for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 3-11. In accordance with the articles of association the charitable company has adopted a "Scheme of Governance" approved by the Secretary of State for Education.

Our vision – Together we strive for all members of our academy to be fully prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. This is exemplified through excellent of character, excellence in (academic) achievement and excellence within our community.

Our mission is to provide a broad, balanced, and engaging curriculum where everyone is valued as an individual within our community. Every learner will be supported to foster an enquiring mind, challenged to succeed and encouraged to contribute as a valued member of society.

In supporting them to do this, the school community has subscribed to the following non-negotiable core values:

- To celebrate achievement and put enjoyment at the heart of learning
- To inspire a passion for learning and the confidence to try
- To promote empathy for others and a respect for the individual
- To uphold equality and value diversity
- To develop independence and resilience
- To prepare our pupils for their next stage of learning
- To foster key life skills that will support our children to make a
- Positive contribution to society.

Our values are developed through the curriculum and made real in our daily lives.

Ensuring a happy healthy environment in which our children enjoy learning is central to our ethos. We do our utmost to make it easy for children to approach staff with their problems or concerns. Collaboration and caring is encouraged at all levels, in both the staff and the pupils.

We teach that bullying is never acceptable behaviour.

We promote healthy eating, provide fruit snacks for children in the infants and encourage everyone to drink water throughout the day.

We make the most of our wonderful outdoor space and, weather permitting, head outside as often as we can.

#### Principal activities

[a] the school provides education for pupils of different abilities;

[b] the school has a curriculum satisfying the requirements of section 78 of EA 2002 (balanced and broad curriculum);

[c] the school provides education for the pupils who are wholly or mainly drawn from the area in which the school is situated; and

[d] the school will be at the heart of the community, promoting community cohesion and sharing facilities with other schools and the wider community.

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### **Objectives, strategies and activities**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance and public benefit. Kibblesworth Academy is non-selective and offers all pupils a broad curriculum. The pupils who attend live mainly in Kibblesworth, although families who wish to apply for a place may do so if they reside in the surrounding area. To assist academic achievement and to support parents returning to work or part time/ full time education, the Academy operates a breakfast club, after school care facilities and fulltime nursery provision.

### **Public benefit**

The Academy Trust governors confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission in exercising its powers and duties

The Academy is the hub of the village with most families having direct ties to the school. Our main aim is to provide the highest quality teaching and learning experience for our pupils, giving each child the best preparation possible for their future. We believe to help achieve this aim engaging with the wider community is essential. Being a key community centre extends the value of the school and opens our facilities to a wider audience.

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#### Strategic report

##### Achievements and performance

The school continued to be judged as Good when it was inspected by Ofsted in December 2022. This confirmed the school's own judgement, and validated the opinion of senior leaders and improvement partners.

The academy has delivered a number of notable achievements in the year ending 31st August 2025, continuing to offer a good standard of education and opportunities to its pupils. This was highlighted by another year of excellent outcomes for pupils in all key stages, in all cases surpassing the national and local averages for all subjects. The school continues to hold a belief that we should "teach to the top" and demonstrate high expectations of all pupils, regardless of their starting positions or backgrounds. The school's continued work with NACE (the National Association for Able Children) and continued holding of the Achieve Challenge Award demonstrates its commitment to challenge at all levels. This continued success of this strategy was once again borne out through a greater than national average percentage of pupils achieving greater depth at the end of Key Stage 2.

As well as strong academic outcomes in the core areas, which can be noted below, the school also continued to develop its broad and varied curriculum through the development of music and the arts, as well as sport and the foundation subjects.

Thanks to a significant ongoing investment in music, all pupils in KS2 were given the opportunity to learn a musical instrument this year, alongside specialist tuition in the subject. Pupils currently undertake lessons in piano, recorder, percussion and strings.

In PE, specialist coaching was employed alongside the school's own experienced staff to deliver an enhanced offer to all pupils. Through engagement with the Newcastle United Foundation, additional sporting experiences were brought to school, both within and beyond the school day.

In history, we continued our work with The Anne Frank Trust, working with them to educate our Year 6 children on the life of Anne Frank and the times in which she lived. This has led to members of Year 6 applying to be ambassadors for the trust.

The school's enhanced curriculum took 28 children to France in 2025 to learn more about the D-Day landings through visiting the Normandy beaches. With funding attracted through the Turin Fund, barriers were removed and the most disadvantaged pupils were able to broaden their understanding within our Britain at War unit.

The French residential also allowed pupils to develop cultural links, working alongside a French school who have now become partners in other areas of the languages curriculum.

The academy engaged with the wider world in other ways this academic year, working with Norhumbrian Water to develop education packs and online resources to support their work on groundwater flooding – something that is closely linked to our work on the local environmental impact of mining. This resulted in a national resource being created by Year 6 which forms part of groundwater flooding intervention.

Further from home, the pupils also engaged with a British Council project where the school worked with a school in India to develop understanding and potential mitigation for flooding. This again gave the children an excellent opportunity to solve real-life problems and engage with peers from other cultures.

During the 2024/2025 academic year, the school was recognised for its impactful curriculum design once again, being approached to be one of the first national Cornerstones Education Pathfinder Schools. This allows curriculum leads and school leaders from within the school the opportunity to use their experience to shape the curriculum in other settings, as well as further developing our own.

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#### Key performance indicators

##### Assessment information 2024-2025

Building on the results of previous years, it is worthy of note that all year groups exceed the national average results across all subjects, both at the expected standard and at greater depth. Having said that, the results in KS2 have dipped since the previous year. This is due to the variance created by small cohorts and a high percentage of children with either additional needs in cognition and learning or social and emotional interaction. The results represent at least good or better progress for these children and are testament to the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

Reading, Writing and Mathematics – Attainment KS2	Kibblesworth	National
Reading, Writing and Maths percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard	71%	62%
Reading, writing and mathematics: percentage of pupils achieving a high score (Greater Depth)	12%	8%

KS2 Individual Subjects – Attainment	Kibblesworth	National
Reading: percentage of pupils achieving expected standard	77%	75%
Reading: percentage of pupils achieving a higher standard	35%	33%
Writing: percentage of pupils achieving expected standard	82%	72%
Writing: percentage of pupils working at greater depth within expected standard	24%	13%
Mathematics: percentage of pupils achieving expected standard	82%	74%
Mathematics: percentage of pupils achieving a higher standard	30%	26%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling: percentage of pupils achieving expected standard	77%	73%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling: percentage of pupils achieving a higher standard	41%	30%

Average Scaled Score	Kibblesworth	National
Average Scaled Score in Reading	106	105
Average Scaled Score in Mathematics	106	104
Average Scaled score in Grammar, punctuation and spelling	110	105

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KS1 Individual Subjects – Attainment	Kibblesworth	National
Reading: percentage of pupils achieving expected standard	84%	71%
Reading: percentage of pupils high attaining	21%	23%
Writing: percentage of pupils achieving expected standard	79%	63%
Writing: percentage of pupils high attaining	21%	8%
Mathematics: percentage of pupils achieving expected standard	79%	68%
Mathematics: percentage of pupils high attaining	21%	16%

Phonics– Attainment	Kibblesworth	National
Year 1	84%	80%
Year 2	100% (3 pupils)	

EYFS Assessment Information	Kibblesworth	National
Good Level of Development	83%	65%

### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the governing body has a reasonable expectation that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Following on from a positive 2023 - 2024 financial year, the academy has continued to build on this stronger position by returning another positive set of accounts for the 2024 - 2025 academic year, returning an in-year surplus of £43,900 to add to our start of year surplus of £43,000.

The trustees have approved a budget for 2025 - 2026 which anticipates a surplus before depreciation of £12,000, which has been achieved without the need for restructuring or a reduction in staffing.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies note of the financial statements.

### Financial review

The school finds itself in a strong financial position, returning a positive end of year figure for the second consecutive year. This has been possible through strong financial controls that have ensured that spending has remained broadly within budgeted limits. Where this has not been possible, the quality and frequency of information has ensured that appropriate steps have been made in-year to ensure that the overall picture remains positive.

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The academy has been proactive in attracting additional funding where possible, from small grants from the local council, to larger grants from industry, including a £10k grant from National Highways to contribute towards the redevelopment of our EYFS outdoor area. We have continued to expand our teacher training role to both support the pupils through additional adult support and through additional income, expanding our role within the St Mary's / Carmel Teacher Training network and also accepting additional student teachers from Northumbria University.

The academy has also expanded its wrap around offer through the attraction of grants and subsidies from within Gateshead Local Authority. This has allowed us to support working families to a greater degree, as well as increasing income through clubs and childcare.

#### **Reserves policy**

Our policy has stipulated a reserve of £50k, and as a result of another year of prudent financial management, we have been able to meet and exceed that level of reserve. With more difficult years on the horizon, it is vital that a strong reserve is maintained and potentially built upon.

#### **Investment policy**

The Academy has an approved investment policy and if the Academy is able to generate better returns than currently provided in the deposit account, it may undertake other investments. All investments, outside of the deposit account, will be made on a risk-averse basis, taking ethical considerations into account and need governing body approval.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that funds which the academy does not immediately need to cover anticipated expenditure are invested in such a way as to maximise the school's income but without risk. Our aim is to spend the publicly funded monies with which we are entrusted for the direct education benefit of students as soon as is prudent. The academy does not consider the investment of surplus funds as a primary activity, rather it is the result of best practice as and when circumstances allow.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The risks associated with the business are twofold.

The first major risk is falling birth rate and a falling roll. Numbers have dropped from a high of 200 pupils five years ago to the current level of 122. Projections indicate that the birth rate will remain low, putting a strain on our most significant funding stream. As previously discussed, we have mitigated this drop in income by reducing teacher numbers in previous years. This has placed us in a stronger financial position, and moved our class sizes to between 21 and 31 across the school. Reception intake for the 24/25 academic year stands at 19 children, but with a smaller than average Nursery 2 cohort (7) the 25/26 academic year faces a number of challenges in terms of a reduction in EYFS funding. This has been accounted for, but does point to the continuing trend for smaller year groups moving forwards.

The second risk is rising costs. Although the restructures have reduced the overall number of staff, and the funded pay rises were very welcome, there are still significant costs associated with the running of the academy. Significant challenges currently include rising utility costs and the increased need for support for a rising population of children with complex and additional needs. Meeting these needs is increasingly challenging, especially given the fact that we have recently restructured and reduced the number of staff we have available to support the children. Although the school has been very successful in attracting additional funding through EHCP applications, pressure still exists as there are less staff to support the pupils and deliver the plans. As most of our experienced Teaching Assistants are employed meeting the needs of the pupils with the greatest needs, our trainee teachers have proven invaluable in supporting the majority of pupils alongside class teachers and volunteers across the school.

With pupil numbers in decline, and costs rising across all areas, it presents a significant challenge to the operation and continued success of the school.

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### Fundraising

Raising additional funds has moved from a 'nice to have' to an essential part of the education provision. Without additional funds many trips and enhancements to the curriculum could not be provided. The trusts approach to fund raising is two-fold, asking parents for voluntary contributions and more traditional approaches, Christmas Fairs, Quiz nights, coffee mornings etc. Our 'friends' group provide a valuable income stream, a corollary of this approach is greater community engagement and parental involvement.

To date we have not engaged with commercial or professional fund raisers and do not have any plans to follow this route, however it has not been ruled out should a suitable opportunity arise.

All fund-raising events carried out in the Trusts name must be approved to ensure no reputational damage can ensue from inappropriate or mismanaged events. All events are voluntary, and no pressure is applied to any member of our community. Similarly, staff are encouraged but not pressurised into engaging with fund raising activities.

### Plans for future periods

At present, there are no plans to explore membership of another MAT, but we remain open to the possibility should the right opportunity present itself.

Educationally, much of the work in 2025 - 2026 academic year will be focused on the continued development of the curriculum, and the continued professional development of the teaching staff. Development plans have a sharp focus on challenge and the extension of all pupils to meet their potential, with curriculum innovation being at the forefront of the school's work. Alongside this, there is also an imperative to provide support to those pupils who require help to engage on an emotional and social level. This will be tackled through the school engaging with Gateshead Local Authority and partner schools on both the Trauma Informed Pilot project and the Inclusion Pilot project, where good practice can be shared and provisions enhanced for all pupils. Part of the project will involve the development of a second sensory and nurture space in school, as well as outdoor areas to support mental health, both in the EYFS and in the wider school.

2026 will also see the school applying for re-accreditation for the NACE challenge award to further support our work in providing challenge for all pupils across the school.

### 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.

A resolution proposing that Azets Audit Services be reappointed as auditor of the charitable company will be put to the members.

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 11/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E Bulmer  
Chair

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

### Scope of responsibility

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Kibblesworth Academy 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.

As trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Guide.

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the principal, 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 Kibblesworth Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is 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 3 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mrs N Campion (Chair to 31 August 2025)	1	3
Mr J Cochrane (Resigned 16 June 2025)	2	3
Mr C Daly	3	3
Mrs E L Miller	2	3
Mr C Steel (Accounting Officer)	3	3
Mrs A Westgarth	2	3
Mrs E Bulmer (Chair from 31 August 2025)	3	3
P King-Williams (Appointed 7 October 2024)	2	3
Mrs R Mugnai (Resigned 2 July 2025)	1	2
Rev B Jones (Appointed 25 September 2025)	0	0

### Conflicts of Interest

The Trust manages any potential conflict of interest by avoiding any dealings with trustees or members individual interests. The declarations of interests is updated regularly and reviewed to ensure no such conflict arises. The trust does not have any connected interests with any of the trustees or members.

### Governance reviews

Governors have undertaken their duties diligently, proactively and have been supportive of the academy in every area.

- Governors continuously reviewed staff well-being and a drive to ensure all staff enjoyed the best working conditions possible.
- Governors supported the restructuring work required to ensure that the academy continued to be a going concern in the 2024 2025 financial and academic year. This included input on budget setting and challenging assumptions, as well as supporting the redundancy programme that ultimately was a consequence of the restructure.

The board of trustees acknowledges its responsibility for ensuring that the trust operates in accordance with the principles of good governance, propriety, and regularity, as set out in the Academies Financial Handbook and the Academies Accounts Direction. The trust is governed by a Board of Trustees. The board meets at least termly and has established committees for Audit, Risk and Resources, and also Education and Standards. The board is satisfied that the trust has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control. No significant weaknesses were identified during the last year. Minor recommendations from internal scrutiny have been implemented promptly.



# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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### Resources Committee / Audit Committee

For expediency the resources committee and audit committee have the same membership and share meetings. The committees met 3 times during the year. The committee worked effectively to ensure that there was due diligence with regard to the financial decisions taken by the academy, and ensured that a robust system of internal assurance was engaged for the 2024 - 2025 financial year, with detailed reports and suggested actions put in place across the year.

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mrs N Campion (Chair to 31 August 2025)	3	3
Mr C Daly	3	3
P King-Williams (Appointed 7 October 2024)	2	3
Mrs R Mugnai (Resigned 2 July 2025)	2	2

### Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the Head teacher has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received. The accounting officer considers how the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate.

Ensuring value for money has always been a key financial driver for the academy. The demands placed on our reducing budget make it vital that resources are managed effectively, and wherever possible, are allocated to spending that directly safeguard and improve the educational outcomes of pupils.

All contracts and SLAs are reviewed as a matter of course and never renewed without a full review of need, expectations and value for money.

Capital funding in this period were used to partly fund the redevelopment of the outdoor learning space in the EYFS. As well as providing an enhanced learning environment which better meets the needs of the children, this investment also ensured that the areas were safe and appropriate for use.

There was no requirement for a staffing review this year due to measures taken in previous financial periods. Although the number of staff hasn't increased, the demands on their time have increased due to the an increasing number of children presenting with high needs within the academy. This is particularly the case in the EYFS, although the number of EHCPs have increased across the school from zero to five. Given the additional needs and demands on staff, the number of support staff we have in place is a necessity and provides good value for money.

With a high level of stability within our teaching staff, costs are high, but this still presents good value for money due to the expertise and the quality of teaching they bring. The DfE financial benchmarking and insights tool states that we are spending less than 87% of similar schools at £4285 per pupil compared to an average of £4766 on staffing costs. Further evidence of the effectiveness and value for money of our staff is presented by our ofsted rating and our continued academic performance which is consistently above national and local averages.

Governors support and challenge the SLT bringing external experience and knowledge to the decision making process. As accounting officer, the Head teacher has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources.

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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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 academy 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. After a lack of internal control in the last financial period, we have returned to a position of strong internal controls and assurance through our audit visits and reports. Internal assurance visits have only identified areas of low risk which need attention, and all recommendations have been actioned in a timely manner and checked on subsequent visits. As a result, trustees can be confident that robust systems are in place and the school is managing public funds effectively.

### **Capacity to handle risk**

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy 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 academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period of September 1st 2024 to the 31st August 2025 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 academy trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees
- regular reviews by the resources committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- identification and management of risks

### **Internal audit**

Trustees recognise the value of internal audit to supplement the work of external audit. The Resources sub committee is also the Internal audit committee, they have established a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to evaluate financial performance. The KPIs are used alongside a 'variance' report from the SBM to evaluate performance against budget to track and understand any variances from the agreed budget cost centres. All members of the committee receive a monthly financial statement from the SBM with a synopsis of activities, achievements and key expenditure.

### **Internal assurance visits**

Internal assurance visits were undertaken by JGT Internal Audit for the financial year 2024 - 2025. The executive summary for the year found that the internal assurance work provided moderate assurance overall that the governance and financial/non financial management arrangements adopted by the trust are in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook and operate effectively in practice to support the achievement of objectives, to safeguard public funds and those officers involved in their administration. In terms of the areas identified, as weaker, an action plan has been implemented to improve levels of control, all of which will be reviewed during the first internal assurance visit of the 2025 - 2026 financial year.

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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### Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer, the Head Teacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal auditor
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process or the school resource management self-assessment tool
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework
- the work of the external auditor
- correspondence from DfE e.g. financial notice to improve/notice to improve (FNti/Nti) and 'minded to' letters.

### Conclusion

Based on the advice of the audit and risk committee and the accounting officer, the board of trustees is of the opinion that the academy trust has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr C Steel  
Accounting Officer



Mrs E Bulmer  
Chair

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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As accounting officer of Kibblesworth Academy, I confirm that I have had due regard to the framework of authorities governing regularity, propriety and compliance, including the trust's funding agreement with the Department for Education (DfE), and the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including responsibilities for estates safety and management. I have also considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and DfE of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the framework of authorities.

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

Mr C Steel  
Accounting Officer

Date:  .....

11/12/25

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Kibblesworth Academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 published by the Department for Education, 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 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025;
- 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 ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 11/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E Bulmer  
Chair

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kibblesworth Academy for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025.

### Basis for opinion

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

### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

### Other Information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report, including the incorporated strategic report.

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

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

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company, 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.

### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

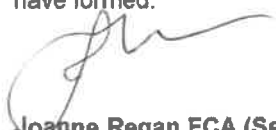
- Enquiry of senior leadership, Governors/Trustees and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations including compliance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education;
- Performing audit work over the recognition of grant income and the allocation of expenditure to funds;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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

### 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.



**Joanne Regan FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 11 December 2025



# **KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY**

## **INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON REGULARITY TO KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 9 October 2025 and further to the requirements of the Department for Education (DfE) as included in the extant Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether anything has come to our attention that would suggest, in all material respects, the expenditure disbursed and income received by Kibblesworth Academy during the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 have not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

### **Respective responsibilities of the accounting officer of Kibblesworth Academy and the reporting accountant**

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

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

### **Approach**

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

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

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

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

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON REGULARITY TO KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- completion of self assessment questionnaire by Accounting Officer
- discussions with the Accounting Officer and finance team
- review of trustee and committee meeting minutes
- review of finance and other relevant policies
- review of purchases, expenses and expense claims on a sample basis including the application of controls and tendering processes where applicable
- review of gifts and hospitality transactions including the application of controls
- review of credit and debit card transactions including the application of controls
- review of payroll transactions on a sample bases including the application of controls
- review of potential special payments to staff
- review of leases and consideration of areas where borrowing may have been incurred
- consideration of transactions with related and connected parties
- review of register of business interests for completeness and compliance with regulations
- enquiries into transactions that may require disclosure under DfE delegated authority rules
- consideration of value for money and appropriateness of transactions

### Conclusion

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

*Azets Audit Services*

**Reporting Accountant**  
Azets Audit Services

Date: *11 December 2025*

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds: General    Fixed asset £            £		Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	3	7,832	-	15,197	23,029	422,311
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	20,779	945,910	-	966,689	917,611
Other trading activities	5	46,360	-	-	46,360	45,337
Investments	6	14	-	-	14	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>74,985</b>	<b>945,910</b>	<b>15,197</b>	<b>1,036,092</b>	<b>1,385,269</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	7	21,787	618	-	22,405	21,980
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	8	20,779	916,754	29,255	966,788	1,285,611
<b>Total</b>	7	<b>42,566</b>	<b>917,372</b>	<b>29,255</b>	<b>989,193</b>	<b>1,307,591</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>32,419</b>	<b>28,538</b>	<b>(14,058)</b>	<b>46,899</b>	<b>77,678</b>
Transfers between funds	16	(1,000)	19,581	(18,581)	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)	(5,000)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>31,419</b>	<b>45,119</b>	<b>(32,639)</b>	<b>43,899</b>	<b>72,678</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		42,624	-	982,005	1,024,629	951,951
Total funds carried forward		74,043	45,119	949,366	1,068,528	1,024,629

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Comparative year information		Unrestricted	Restricted funds:		Total
Year ended 31 August 2024		funds	General	Fixed asset	2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and capital grants	3	2,242	-	420,069	422,311
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	16,612	900,999	-	917,611
Other trading activities	5	45,337	-	-	45,337
Investments	6	10	-	-	10
<b>Total</b>		<b>64,201</b>	<b>900,999</b>	<b>420,069</b>	<b>1,385,269</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	7	21,577	403	-	21,980
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	-	1,259,940	25,671	1,285,611
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21,577</b>	<b>1,260,343</b>	<b>25,671</b>	<b>1,307,591</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>42,624</b>	<b>(359,344)</b>	<b>394,398</b>	<b>77,678</b>
Transfers between funds	16	-	391,872	(391,872)	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	18	-	(5,000)	-	(5,000)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>42,624</b>	<b>27,528</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>72,678</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		-	(27,528)	979,479	951,951
Total funds carried forward		<b>42,624</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>982,005</b>	<b>1,024,629</b>

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		938,690		953,808
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	92,675		123,590	
Cash at bank and in hand		135,735		88,591	
		228,410		212,181	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(98,572)		(141,360)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			129,838		70,821
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>			1,068,528		1,024,629
Defined benefit pension scheme asset	18		-		-
<b>Total net assets</b>			1,068,528		1,024,629
<b>Funds of the academy trust:</b>					
<b>Restricted funds</b>	16				
- Fixed asset funds			949,366		982,005
- Restricted income funds			45,119		-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>			994,485		982,005
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>	16		74,043		42,624
<b>Total funds</b>			1,068,528		1,024,629

The financial statements on pages 25 to 48 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 11/12/25 and are signed on their behalf by:



Mrs E Bulmer  
Chair

Company registration number 08063683 (England and Wales)

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	19		46,070		(384,845)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		14		10	
Capital grants from DfE Group		5,521		420,069	
Capital funding received from sponsors and others		9,676		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(14,137)		-	
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>			<u>1,074</u>		<u>420,079</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			<u>47,144</u>		<u>35,234</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			<u>88,591</u>		<u>53,357</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year</b>			<u><u>135,735</u></u>		<u><u>88,591</u></u>

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

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

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### 1 Accounting policies

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.

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie 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 academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The academy trust has prepared a detailed budget for the next academic year which predicts a small surplus and the forecasts for FY26/27 and FY27/28 are also predicting small but reducing surpluses. The academy trust has been able to build a small reserve over the previous two accounting periods which is available to draw for unexpected expenditure.

#### 1.3 Income

All incoming resources are recognised when the academy 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 there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the period 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 academy 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.

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### 1 Accounting policies

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##### Other income

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

##### Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

##### Donated fixed assets

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

#### 1.4 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.

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. 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 academy trust's depreciation policy.



# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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

Leasehold land and buildings	125 years
Leasehold property improvements	50 years
Computer equipment	2 years
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	4 years

The trust's land and buildings are occupied on a 125 year lease from the local authority. In the view of the trustees, the risks and rewards of occupying the site have been substantially transferred to the trust and therefore the land and buildings have been recognised as a donation on conversion and capitalised within the restricted fixed assets fund. The basis of valuation has been disclosed within the fixed assets note.

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.

#### 1.6 Liabilities

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

#### 1.7 Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

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

##### Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

##### Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

#### 1.9 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 chapter 3 part 11 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.

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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#### 1 Accounting policies

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##### 1.10 Pensions benefits

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary based on quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. The 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 are recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

##### 1.11 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the academy 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 and Local Authority.

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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

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##### Local Government 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 18, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2025. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability. The UK corporate bond yields at 31 August 2025 are at their highest levels for many years resulting in higher accounting discount rates at the year end. This places a significantly lower value on the pension obligations compared to last year and will be one of the main reasons a net asset has been reported. We have ensured that our assumptions are appropriate for the Academy Trust and the valuation has been based on the following estimates:

- There is a minimum funding requirement in relation to LGPS
- There is the ability to recover a surplus through the ability to reduce future contributions (not refund)
- In calculating the surplus, the present value of current and past service costs is offset against the future contributions over the future period
- The present values in the above calculations are calculated using an annuity representing participation into perpetuity.

There is no known intention to exit the LGPS and therefore the economic benefit of a refund would be highly unlikely and on that basis recognition of an asset is considered inappropriate. We have however considered the economic benefit available to the Academy Trust as a future contribution reduction and whether it is appropriate to recognise the net asset in full. Under FRS 102, a net asset restriction may apply as the prevailing view is that a minimum funding requirement for future service exists in the LGPS. We requested our actuaries consider the impact of the minimum funding requirement on the asset ceiling and as a result we have restricted the asset to £nil based upon an asset restriction calculation. We consider this to be appropriate and a more accurate reflection of the pension positions as at 31 August 2025.

##### Land and buildings

The trust's land and buildings are occupied on a 125 year lease from the local authority. In the view of the trustees, the risks and rewards of occupying the site have been substantially transferred to the trust and therefore the land and buildings have been recognised as a donation on conversion and capitalised within the restricted fixed assets fund. The land and buildings are valued on the basis of valuations provided by the ESFA/local authority

##### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated as to write off the cost of an asset off over its useful economic life. The accounting policies are disclosed in the accounting policy above.

#### 3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Capital grants	-	5,521	5,521	420,069
Other donations	7,832	9,676	17,508	2,242
	<u>7,832</u>	<u>15,197</u>	<u>23,029</u>	<u>422,311</u>

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

### 4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

Educational operations	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	678,236	678,236	706,155
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
- UIFSM	-	13,233	13,233	15,434
- Pupil premium	-	33,035	33,035	34,228
- PE and sports premium	-	17,070	17,070	17,160
- Rates	-	2,669	2,669	2,710
- Teachers pension grants	-	13,035	13,035	5,431
- Teachers pay grants	-	10,753	10,753	11,537
- National tutor grant	-	-	-	136
- Mainstream schools additional grant	-	-	-	23,428
- Core schools budget grant	-	22,628	22,628	-
- NI grant	-	5,201	5,201	-
- Others	-	24,037	24,037	-
	-	819,897	819,897	816,219
<b>Other government grants</b>				
Local authority grants	-	126,013	126,013	81,408
<b>COVID-19 additional funding</b>				
<b>DfE/ESFA</b>				
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	-	-	3,372
<b>Total funding for educational operations</b>	-	945,910	945,910	900,999
<b>Catering income</b>	20,779	-	20,779	16,612
<b>Total funding</b>	20,779	945,910	966,689	917,611

### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Clubs	25,178	-	25,178	29,671
Trip income	6,434	-	6,434	11,681
Other income	14,748	-	14,748	3,985
	46,360	-	46,360	45,337

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### 6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Short term deposits	14	-	14	10

#### 7 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non-pay expenditure Premises £	Other £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Expenditure on raising funds					
- Direct costs	14,298	-	8,107	22,405	21,980
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	601,385	-	80,705	682,090	626,994
- Allocated support costs	92,133	95,819	96,746	284,698	658,617
	707,816	95,819	185,558	989,193	1,307,591

#### Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2025 £	2024 £
Operating lease rentals	9,425	10,011
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	29,255	25,671
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	10,250	9,750
- Other services	4,200	3,900
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	(2,000)	(2,000)

#### 8 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Direct costs</b>				
Educational operations	-	682,090	682,090	626,994
<b>Support costs</b>				
Educational operations	20,779	263,919	284,698	658,617
	20,779	946,009	966,788	1,285,611

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

### 8 Charitable activities

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#### Analysis of support costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Support staff costs	92,133	86,406
Depreciation	29,255	25,671
Premises costs	66,564	459,749
Legal costs	4,402	4,544
Other support costs	66,619	54,262
Governance costs	25,725	27,985
	<u>284,698</u>	<u>658,617</u>

### 9 Staff

#### Staff costs and employee benefits

Staff costs during the year were:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	516,163	475,406
Social security costs	54,475	38,808
Pension costs	123,802	100,239
	<u>694,440</u>	<u>614,453</u>
Staff costs - employees	694,440	614,453
Agency staff costs	13,376	27,458
	<u>707,816</u>	<u>641,911</u>
Staff development and other staff costs	4,677	3,745
	<u>712,493</u>	<u>645,656</u>

#### Staff numbers

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

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Teachers	5	4
Administration and support	12	12
Management	2	2
	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

#### 9 Staff

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##### Higher paid staff

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

	2025 Number	2024 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	-	1
£70,001 - £80,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

##### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer national insurance and pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £372,279 (2024: £338,541).

#### 10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The headteacher and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of headteacher and staff, and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other trustees did not receive any payments from the academy trust in respect of their role as trustees.

The value of trustees' remuneration was as follows:

##### Mr C Steel (headteacher):

Remuneration	£70,001 - £75,000 (2024: £65,001 - £70,000)
Employer's pension contributions	£20,001 - £25,000 (2024: £15,001 - £20,000)

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out within the related parties note.

#### 11 Trustees' and officers' Insurance

The academy trust has opted into the Department for Education's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

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

### 12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land and buildings	Leasehold property improvements	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2024	1,104,000	92,947	55,878	23,053	1,275,878
Additions	-	-	14,137	-	14,137
At 31 August 2025	1,104,000	92,947	70,015	23,053	1,290,015
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 September 2024	235,904	14,889	55,878	15,399	322,070
Charge for the year	20,668	1,859	3,818	2,910	29,255
At 31 August 2025	256,572	16,748	59,696	18,309	351,325
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 August 2025	847,428	76,199	10,319	4,744	938,690
At 31 August 2024	868,096	78,058	-	7,654	953,808

Leasehold land and buildings were valued on the basis of depreciated replacement cost as at 31 March 2013 by Mouchel on behalf of the ESFA.

### 13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
VAT recoverable	28,902	82,404
Prepayments and accrued income	63,773	41,186
	92,675	123,590

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	36,827	52,572
Other taxation and social security	12,601	10,410
Accruals and deferred income	49,144	78,378
	98,572	141,360



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

<b>15</b>	<b>Deferred income</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Deferred income is included within:		
	Creditors due within one year	28,871	28,461
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Deferred income at 1 September 2024	28,461	16,741
	Released from previous years	(28,461)	(16,741)
	Resources deferred in the year	28,871	28,461
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	Deferred income at 31 August 2025	28,871	28,461
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

At the balance sheet date the academy was holding funds received in advance for free school meals and LA early years income.

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

### 16 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	678,236	(652,698)	19,581	45,119
UIFSM	-	13,233	(13,233)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	33,035	(33,035)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	24,037	(24,037)	-	-
Other government grants	-	126,013	(126,013)	-	-
Teachers pay grants	-	10,753	(10,753)	-	-
Teachers pension grants	-	13,035	(13,035)	-	-
PE and sports premium	-	17,070	(17,070)	-	-
Rates	-	2,669	(2,669)	-	-
Core schools budget grant	-	22,628	(22,628)	-	-
NI Grant	-	5,201	(5,201)	-	-
Pension reserve	-	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
	-	945,910	(917,372)	16,581	45,119
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
Inherited on conversion	868,074	-	(20,668)	-	847,406
DfE group capital grants	67,107	5,521	(1,515)	(28,197)	42,916
Capital expenditure from GAG	46,824	-	(4,459)	8,616	50,981
Private sector capital sponsorship	-	9,676	(2,613)	1,000	8,063
	982,005	15,197	(29,255)	(18,581)	949,366
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	982,005	961,107	(946,627)	(2,000)	994,485
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	42,624	74,985	(42,566)	(1,000)	74,043
<b>Total funds</b>	1,024,629	1,036,092	(989,193)	(3,000)	1,068,528

# KIBBLESWORTH ACADEMY

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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#### 16 Funds

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

General Annual Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the academy. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2025.

Other government grants includes early years funding and funding for pupils with special educational needs.

The pension reserve reflects the LGPS transactions. The costs and income associated with the defined benefit pension scheme have been recorded in the restricted fund. Staff costs are paid from this fund, including contributions to the LGPS, and the pension liability has therefore been aligned with these funds.

During the year the academy received Devolved Formula Capital Grant of £5,521 which is fully spent in year.

The academy also received private capital funding of £10,676 which is unspent at the end of the year and committed to a project commencing in the new academic year.

The inherited fixed asset fund reflects the fixed assets acquired on conversion. Depreciation on these assets is charged against this fund.

Unrestricted funds may be used for any purpose, at the discretion of the trustees, within the objects of the academy trust.

The academy's restricted general and unrestricted funds are in surplus by £119,162 at 31 August 2025.

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### 16 Funds

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

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
<b>Restricted general funds</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	(27,528)	706,155	(1,070,499)	391,872	-
UIFSM	-	15,434	(15,434)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	34,228	(34,228)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	3,372	(3,372)	-	-
Other government grants	-	81,408	(81,408)	-	-
Teachers pay grants	-	11,537	(11,537)	-	-
Teachers pension grants	-	5,431	(5,431)	-	-
PE and sports premium	-	17,160	(17,160)	-	-
Rates	-	2,710	(2,710)	-	-
National tutor grant	-	136	(136)	-	-
Mainstream schools additional grant	-	23,428	(23,428)	-	-
Pension reserve	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
	(27,528)	900,999	(1,260,343)	386,872	-
<b>Restricted fixed asset funds</b>					
Inherited on conversion	888,742	-	(20,668)	-	868,074
DfE group capital grants	39,922	420,069	(1,012)	(391,872)	67,107
Capital expenditure from GAG	50,815	-	(3,991)	-	46,824
	979,479	420,069	(25,671)	(391,872)	982,005
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	951,951	1,321,068	(1,286,014)	(5,000)	982,005
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	-	64,201	(21,577)	-	42,624
<b>Total funds</b>	951,951	1,385,269	(1,307,591)	(5,000)	1,024,629

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#### 17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	General £	Restricted funds: Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	938,690	938,690
Current assets	74,043	143,691	10,676	228,410
Current liabilities	-	(98,572)	-	(98,572)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>74,043</b>	<b>45,119</b>	<b>949,366</b>	<b>1,068,528</b>
	Unrestricted Funds £	General £	Restricted funds: Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	953,808	953,808
Current assets	42,624	141,360	28,197	212,181
Current liabilities	-	(141,360)	-	(141,360)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>42,624</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>982,005</b>	<b>1,024,629</b>

#### 18 Pension and similar obligations

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £nil (2024: £nil) were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2025 and are included within creditors.

##### Teachers' Pension Scheme

##### Introduction

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

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

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

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

### 18 Pension and similar obligations

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#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £97,963 (2024: £77,218).

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

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

#### Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 20.5% for employers and 5.5% to 12.5% for employees.

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 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

Total contributions made	2025 £	2024 £
Employer's contributions	29,000	28,000
Employees' contributions	7,000	8,000
Total contributions	36,000	36,000

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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#### 18 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions	2025 %	2024 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.0	4.0
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.5	2.5
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	6.0	4.9
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.5	2.5

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

	2025 Years	2024 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	21.2	20.8
- Females	24.2	24.0
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	22.1	21.7
- Females	25.3	25.1

#### Sensitivity analysis

Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Discount rate + 0.1%	642,000	722,000
Discount rate - 0.1%	664,000	750,000
Mortality assumption + 1 year	639,000	718,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year	667,000	754,000
CPI rate + 0.1%	654,000	749,000
CPI rate - 0.1%	652,000	723,000

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

### 18 Pension and similar obligations

(Continued)

#### The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme

	2025 Fair value £	2024 Fair value £
Equities	409,000	385,000
Government bonds	8,000	9,000
Corporate bonds	153,000	143,000
Cash	10,000	6,000
Property	94,000	80,000
Other assets	172,000	146,000
Total market value of assets	846,000	769,000
Restriction on scheme assets	(193,000)	(33,000)
Net assets recognised	653,000	736,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £57,000 (2024: £57,000).

#### Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Current service cost	28,000	25,000
Interest income	(38,000)	(37,000)
Interest cost	36,000	35,000
Total amount recognised	26,000	23,000

#### Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations

	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 September 2024	736,000	704,000
Current service cost	28,000	25,000
Interest cost	36,000	35,000
Employee contributions	7,000	8,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(138,000)	9,000
Benefits paid	(16,000)	(45,000)
At 31 August 2025	653,000	736,000



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

### 18 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

#### Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets

	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 September 2024	769,000	721,000
Interest income	38,000	37,000
Actuarial gain	19,000	20,000
Employer contributions	29,000	28,000
Employee contributions	7,000	8,000
Benefits paid	(16,000)	(45,000)
At 31 August 2025	846,000	769,000
Restriction on scheme assets	(193,000)	(33,000)
Net assets recognised	653,000	736,000

#### Restriction of pension scheme assets

The net gain recognised on scheme assets has been restricted because the full pension surplus is not expected to be recovered through refunds or reduced contributions in the future.

### 19 Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		46,899	77,678
Adjusted for:			
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(15,197)	(420,069)
Investment income receivable	6	(14)	(10)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	18	(1,000)	(3,000)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance income	18	(2,000)	(2,000)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		29,255	25,671
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		30,915	(58,410)
(Decrease) in creditors		(42,788)	(4,705)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		46,070	(384,845)

### 20 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2024 £	Cash flows £	31 August 2025 £
Cash	88,591	47,144	135,735

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#### 21 Long-term commitments

##### Operating leases

At 31 August 2025 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts due within one year	4,452	7,733
Amounts due in two and five years	7,224	10,350
	<u>11,676</u>	<u>18,083</u>

#### 22 Capital commitments

	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	<u>15,204</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 23 Related party transactions

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

Northern Print Solutions Limited - a business in which C Daly (Trustee) is a Director.

- During the year the academy trust obtained printing services from the company, the total cost to the trust during the year was £902 (2024: £NIL).
- The academy trust made the purchase at arms' length following a competitive tendering exercise in accordance with its financial regulations, which the trustee neither participated in, nor influenced.
- In entering into the transaction, the academy trust has fully complied with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook.

#### 24 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.