

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 August 2025

Company Registration Number: 08909269 (England and Wales)

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

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## Reference and administrative details

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<b>Trustees</b>	P McGovern, (Chair) L Seymour GIJ Springer (resigned 24 November 2025) R Webber R Adams C Martin K Raymond (resigned 8 September 2025) J Smitham (appointed 7 October 2024) A Massey (appointed 29 January 2025) L Lacey (appointed 14 May 2025)
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	S Jones
<b>Senior Management Team</b>	S Jones, CEO Executive Principal and Accounting Officer B Anderson, Director of Schools and Deputy Trust Lead R Bandara, COO (from 8 January 2024 - 31 August 2024), CFOO (appointed 1 September 2024) W Johnson, Director of Schools
<b>Principal and Registered Office</b>	Unit 2 Marlin House Agar Way Pool Redruth Cornwall TR15 3SF
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## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Reference and administrative details (continued)**

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# **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report and strategic report under company law.

The academy trust operates 13 primary academies in total, 5 in the Camborne area, 1 at St Ives, 5 in the St Austell area, 1 at Helston and 1 at Wadebridge. Its academies have a combined pupil capacity of 2532 (Get Information about Schools) and has 2011 children on roll in years Reception to year 6 for the October 2025 census. In addition, ten schools offer nursery places for children from 2/3 years of age, and one school has an Area Resource Base (ARB), offering 33 high needs places.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### ***Constitution***

The Academy Trust (which was incorporated on 24 February 2014 and opened as an Academy Trust on 1 April 2014) is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association (updated 25 November 2024) are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

The Trustees of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. Details of the Trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

#### ***Members' Liability***

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

#### ***Trustees' Indemnities***

In accordance with normal commercial practice the charitable company has purchased insurance to protect trustees from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on the charitable company's business. The insurance is up to £5 million on any one claim.

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## **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)**

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

The Academy Trust shall have the following Trustees as set out in its Articles of Association and funding agreement:

- up to 6 Trustees who are appointed by members.
- up to 4 community Trustees appointed by the Trustees.

There shall always be two more Trustees appointed by the members than all other Trustees of the Academy Trust, ensuring a balance between those appointed by Members and those drawn from the wider community. This arrangement maintains a structure where the Members' appointees form the majority on the Board, while still providing significant representation for Community Trustees.

No employees of the Academy Trust are on the Board.

Trustees are appointed for a four year period, subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the charitable company's development.

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

Trustees have access to all policies, procedures, improvement plans, minutes and other relevant documentation that they need to undertake their role as a Trustee. These are available for Trustees on a secure area within the Academy Trust's IT platform and updated regularly. All new Trustees have access to the Trust's online training platform along with continued membership of Confederation of Schools Trusts and Trust Governance Professionals to support them in their role.

### ***Organisational Structure***

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust has followed the organisational structure laid down in the Articles of Association that were registered with Companies House on 24 February 2014 and updated 25 November 2024.

The structure consists of three levels: the Members, the Trustees and the Executive Leadership Team. The members of the charitable company comprise the signatories of the memorandum, including the Chair of Trustees. The Members have defined the roles of the Trustees and the committee structure. The Members meet annually to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM).

In line with the growth of the Trust and to further improve governance Trustees operate various committees to focus on specific areas (i) Finance & Resources (ii) Standards (iii) Internal Audit (iv) People (v) Pay. The committees meet regularly throughout the year focusing on their respective areas, the work of each committee is ratified at subsequent Board meetings. Trustees are also assigned specific areas of focus aligned to the leadership, management and administration of the charitable company including specific teaching and learning links. The committees operate in accordance with documented Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation.

The introduction of the two additional committees during the financial year Internal Audit and People reflected the requirements of the growing Trust, People focusing on ensuring the Trust remains People centric particularly with over 300 employees and Internal Audit has allowed for deeper analysis on various areas of the organisation such as induction & training, websites and business continuity plans.

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## Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

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

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust operates its own pay policy, clearly defined into two areas (i) Teaching and (ii) All other staff. For teaching employees this follows the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document and works alongside various other pay related policies. For all other staff, the Trust operates its own pay scale and terms and conditions, which were developed closely with the respective unions. The remuneration of the Executive Leadership Team is reviewed at the finance & resources committee, agreed by the pay committee and ratified at full board. It is determined using the current Trust's pay policy conditions and is performance linked.

The Board will assign the school to a group for the purpose of setting the pay range for the head teachers. This is determined based on a number of factors including the number of pupils at different key stages and their varying needs. The starting salary is then decided upon based on skills, knowledge and experience.

Headteachers performance management review is carried out by the School Improvement team and agreed by the pay committee.

Chief Executive Officer pay review is subject to an external performance evaluation and is agreed by the pay committee.

### ***Trade union facility time***

#### **Relevant union officials**

<b>Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period</b>	<b>Full-time equivalent employee number</b>
-	-

### ***Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations***

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust has a connected organisation in the form of Askel Veur The Diocese of Truro Academies Umbrella Company Ltd.

Askel Veur The Diocese of Truro Academies Umbrella Company Ltd is an Umbrella entity providing support to a number of academies including The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust.

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### **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)**

#### ***Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)***

We maintain regular employee newsletters that share school performance updates and provide signposting to wellbeing, safeguarding, Health & Safety and any HR matters that may affect staff. Regular training meetings & inset days throughout the year are used to engage all staff and support messages shared through the various communication channels.

Our Equality and Diversity policy outlines our objectives and responsibilities regarding the recruitment of disabled applicants, we guarantee an interview for any disabled applicant who meets the minimum criteria for the role.

If employees are disabled, become disabled, or experience work-related difficulties due to a disability, we encourage open communication so that we can provide appropriate support. The Trust has also invested in a Employee Assistance Programme with various elements to support our employees.

We regularly monitor the physical features of our premises to ensure they do not place disabled employees or applicants at a substantial disadvantage, making adjustments where possible. The Trust also completed full DSE assessments for staff and is committed to keeping these updated.

The Trust directs statutory training requirements to all employees, with further training needs identified through the appraisal process and employees are given access to relevant training to support their role and career progression within the Trust.

Pay and promotion decisions are based on performance (where relevant), skills and experience, in line with our Pay Policy. The Trust completed a Pay Consultation for Support Staff, which was well received and implemented on 01 September 2024.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

##### ***Objects and Aims***

The principal object and activity of the charitable company is the operation of all the schools within The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust to provide education to pupils aged 2 to 11.

The aims of the Academy Trust during the year ended 31 August 2025 are summarised below:

- To continue to raise the standard of educational attainment and achievement of pupils;
- To provide a broad and balanced curriculum, including extra-curricular activities;
- To develop students as more effective independent learners;
- To develop the academy sites so they enable students to achieve their full potential;
- To ensure that every child enjoys the same high quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care;
- To improve the effectiveness of the Trust by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review; and to provide value for money for the funds expended.

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)**

#### ***Objectives, Strategies and Activities***

The key priorities for the year to 31 August 2025 are summarised below:

- to audit the quality of teaching and learning together with leadership and management and standards of achievement in order to identify strengths and weaknesses in all of the schools and to implement appropriate action plans.
- to rationalise the structure of all schools linked to the Schools Resource Management Advisor (SRMA) visit and Integrated Curriculum Financial Planning (ICFP) metrics.
- to develop the systems and processes for budget management in each school and provide Headteachers with the training, support and systems to be able to help them manage these budgets effectively at school level.
- to forge ever closer links with the community within which each school operates.
- to conduct the Trust's business in accordance with high standards of integrity, probity and openness.
- to ensure the Trust has a comprehensive strategic plan designed to meet the changing educational landscape.

#### ***Public Benefit***

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

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### Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### Strategic Report

##### ***School Improvement***

The school improvement team has grown this year to support the schools that have joined from Venture MAT and with the planned integration of the three joining schools. There have been successful OFSTED inspections in St Michael's C of E and Ladock C of E. Both schools celebrating good judgements.

Schools are categorised regularly, looking at the changing context in the school and bespoke support is delivered in a timely way.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT

- 1 **Secure** practice to ensure equal opportunities among our schools and successful outcomes for children
- 2 **Strengthen** curriculum to ensure the best practice and training is easily shared and change implemented
- 3 **Empower** schools to innovate and develop exciting educational opportunities unique to their schools that can feed into future MAT improvement projects



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### Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT THE CORE OFFER

The core support that each school receives

Curriculum Development Support	<b>CDS</b>	3 per year (1 each term or as required)
School Evaluation Support	<b>SES</b>	2 per year (Autumn and Summer terms)
SEN Strategy or case Support	<b>SEN</b>	3 half days per year (1 each term or as required)
Attendance Support	<b>ATS</b>	3 sessions per year
Staffing Structure and budget support	<b>SSS</b>	3 sessions per year (1 each term or when required)
ARB Evaluation Support	<b>ARB</b>	2 sessions per year (1 each term or when required)
ARB Curriculum Development Support	<b>ARB</b>	3 sessions - agreed focus
Moderation sessions	<b>MOD</b>	2 sessions (Aut 2 and Sum 1)

## ENHANCED SUPPORT

Why might a school have an enhanced offer?

Size	The school is large and requires more supportive time to work through shifting, evaluation or HR issues. The school is very small and therefore working on several projects is difficult with so few staff.
Deprivation and SEN	Some schools have a higher than average proportion of children attending with additional needs, or from a deprived background. Supporting those children and families is complex and often needs wider support from the trust.
Standards	Standards are poor in one or more areas and capacity to improve might be limited for a period of time.
Inspection	A school might be due their next Ofsted inspection or SACS review. The trust needs to ensure staff are supported during the run up and through the inspection process itself.
Absence	Long term absence might make a school vulnerable to change.
New to the trust	Schools that are new to Rainbow may need more supportive time to help with policy changes and getting to grips with new processes.
New to headship	The school might have new leadership.

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### Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT

Type of support	To help with?	What sort of support is it?	Who designs it?	Report?
Curriculum development support (CDS)	Improving specific subject curriculums	Pre-planned trust support to work with school leaders or subject leaders on a particular curriculum area	Driven by school development priorities and discussions with head teacher	No
School evaluation support (SES)	Help leaders in schools evaluate their curriculum and outcomes, help design solutions and plan next steps	Broad look at teaching and learning across a range of subjects. Learning walks, discussions with senior leaders / subject leaders, looking at children's work and any relevant data measures from the evidence base for these units. Review of the school development plan, and any changing priorities. Identifying any further supportive work	Planned between the trust leaders and the head teacher of the academy	Yes This short report will be for the head teacher to help communicate school strengths and the next areas for attention
Special educational needs strategy plan (SEN)	To help support heads and SENCOs plan SEN provision	These visits aim to support heads in making short and long term decisions about their SEN provision	Head, SENCO, trust leaders	No
Urgent support visit (US)	Urgent issues that arise in schools that require trust support	Support type depends on the nature of the issue	Head and trust leaders	No
Staffing structure support visit (SSS)	To help heads plan staffing in their academy	Solving staffing issues, planning for recruitment or changes to deployment	Head and Trust leader	No



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### Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### Current year achievements and performance

#### Phonics

Year	Y1 Phonics			Y2 Phonics (Cumulative)		
	Cohort	% Wa	P.D.	Cohort	% Wa	P.D.
2022/23:	132	83% (79%)	+4	133	94% (89%)	+7
2023/24:	220	<b>87% (80%)</b>	+14	258	<b>110% (89%)</b>	+54
2024/25:	281	84% (80%)	+10	296	<b>99% (89%)</b>	+28

#### Key Stage 2

% Expected Standard (National Averages in brackets)									
Year	Cohort	Reading	P. D.	Writing	P. D.	Maths	P. D.	SPaG	P. D.
2022/23:	94	69% (73%)	-3	64% (72%)	-7	<b>64% (73%)</b>	-8	<b>48% (60%)</b>	-11
2023/24:	248	76% (75%)	+2	76% (72%)	+9	73% (74%)	-2	63% (61%)	+5
2024/25:	312	77% (75%)	+4	74% (71%)	+9	72% (74%)	-5	61% (61%)	-1

% Higher Standard (National Averages in brackets)									
Year	Cohort	Reading	P. D.	Writing	P. D.	Maths	P. D.	SPaG	P. D.
2022/23:	94	27% (29%)	-2	9% (13%)	-4	<b>12% (24%)</b>	-11	<b>2% (8%)</b>	-5
2023/24:	248	32% (29%)	+8	<b>7% (13%)</b>	-15	21% (24%)	-7	4% (8%)	-8
2024/25:	312	33% (33%)	-2	11% (13%)	-5	23% (26%)	-10	6% (8%)	-7

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### Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### Going concern

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

Current position: As at 31 August 2025, the Trust holds unrestricted and restricted general reserves of £458,304, which represents 1.94% of total income. While this is below the long-term target, it reflects the strategic investment in growth, school improvement, undertaking emergency works and restructuring.

Budgeted Forecasts & Actions: The Trust has incorporated reserve building targets into its medium-term financial plan. Forecasts indicate that, subject to continued prudent financial management and cost controls, reserves will increase gradually to meet the policy objective of at least 5% of total income. Actions being taken include:

- Tightening non-essential expenditure controls across all schools
- Investment in new software, providing Headteachers with more training, support and oversight of school level budgets, in order to increase accountability around budget management
- Centralising procurement to achieve better economies of scale
- Continue reviewing staffing structures to ensure sustainability, using ICFP based metrics to benchmark against recognised ratios
- Allocating surpluses from pooled funds to reserves where possible and in line with the academies requirements
- Recruitment strategy has been carefully aligned to ensure continued flexibility and support future planning

Where pupil numbers have fallen the Trust has implemented the above strategies and is also exploring enhanced Nursery provision to supplement income and build further resilience.

The Trust are currently budgeting for a £34k revenue surplus for 2025/26 and post year end results to 31 October 2025 show the Trust ahead of this budget.

# **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

## **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)**

### **Financial review**

The charitable company's accounting period is the year to 31 August 2025.

Most of the charitable company's income is derived from the DfE in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received during the year to 31 August 2025 and the associated expenditure, are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

The charitable company has a GAG pooling policy for this year which has allowed for a more efficient allocation of funding to where it is needed most, this has led to improved best practice financially and also from a governance perspective for this period of fast growth.

The charitable company also received grants for fixed assets from the DfE. Such grants are shown in the statement of financial activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund will be reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

As shown in the statement of financial activities, before transfers and actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes there was a £776,571 surplus (2024 as restated: £75,285 deficit) on unrestricted funds, a £330,246 surplus (2024: £162,109 deficit) on restricted general funds and a £4,928,148 surplus (2024 as restated: £423,789 surplus) on restricted fixed asset funds. The charitable company held fund balances at 31 August 2025 of £12,299,948 (2024 as restated: £6,177,983) comprising £11,841,644 (2024 as restated: £5,779,949) of restricted fixed asset funds, £172,706 (2024: £nil) of restricted general funds, £285,598 (2024 as restated: £398,034) of unrestricted funds and a pension reserve deficit of £nil (2024: £nil).

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## Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### Financial Performance

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust maintained a steady financial position for the year ended 31 August 2025, despite sector-wide challenges such as inflationary pressures and rising staff costs. The Trust remained committed to financial sustainability while continuing to invest in teaching, learning and infrastructure improvements.

Income for the year was primarily derived from General Annual Grant (GAG) funding, supplemented by other restricted and unrestricted income streams. Income for the year amounted to £23.682m (23/24 as restated: £13.073m), with staffing costs representing the largest proportion at 78% of total expenditure. National pay awards contributed to higher personnel costs, whilst inflationary pressures contributed to increased costs in almost all other areas. The Trust delivered an in-year surplus of £6.122m (23/24 as restated: surplus £0.171m), resulting in closing reserves of £12.300m. Reserves stood at approximately 52% of average annual revenue, providing a small buffer against future uncertainties. The Trust is committed to replenishing reserves during financial year ending 31 August 2026.

Cash balances remained healthy throughout the year, supported by prudent and enhanced financial management and timely receipt of funding. Capital investment during the year was carefully managed focusing on estate improvements and IT infrastructure, funded through a combination of grants and reserves.

During the financial year ending 31 August 2025, the Trust welcomed Venture MAT which consisted of Trevithick Learning Academy and St Issey C of E School. Trevithick in particular was considered a capacity giving school. Members of the Venture MAT central team also joined, namely a Director of Education, Operations Manager and Governance Lead.

The role of COO and CFO were combined from 01 September 2024, supporting oversight across all business areas of the Trust, with significant work undertaken to rationalise systems and processes. Further restructuring across the Trust was undertaken to ensure alignment between staffing levels and provision to ensure continued successful educational outcomes.

The Trust has continued to drive further economies of scale and this has meant we have been able to continue to pool more services successfully. In-year changes to the financial management and processes provided greater clarity and control over budgets and forecasting which in the long term will help enhance efficiencies.

The CFOO has oversight of the processes and budgets in all of the Trust schools, supported by the Operations Manager and Accounts Manager, forming the key finance management team. Together they have been able to assist and advise both the Headteachers and the Accounting Officer when deciding if best value and consistency has been achieved across all financial areas.

Looking ahead to the financial year ending 31 August 2026, the Trust anticipates continued financial pressures from rising staff costs and operational costs, however, proactive planning is ensuring the strategic and operational priorities are achieved, these include:

- Strengthening financial resilience through improved forecasting and reserve management.
- Investing in educational excellence via carefully planned curriculum development and staff training.
- Advancing estate and infrastructure projects aligned with ensuring Health & Safety and Compliance.
- Exploring collaborative opportunities to continue to leverage economies of scale.

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)**

#### **Income Generation**

The Trust generates a significant amount of income through wrap around care and Early Years education. Charging for extra nursery provision and providing before and after school care enables the schools to supplement their budgets and provide better facilities and resources for all of its pupils. We have successfully increased the 2-year-old provision across the Trust during the year and are looking to extend this further in the future at specific targeted sites.

The Trust host trainee teachers which also generates income. The Trust also runs several training programs which have capacity to be sold on to other schools such as the National Professional Qualifications for Heads and Senior Leaders.

The CEO, Deputy CEO, Director of Education and School Improvement Lead work as NPQ facilitators; with the School Improvement Lead also working as an OFSTED inspector, School Improvement Advisors to the Diocese and schools beyond the Trust.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust Trustees aim to control reserves to ensure excessive balances are not held at any one time and had reviewed its reserves policy to allow schools to maintain reserves for earmarked projects that fit the school development plan, conditions surveys and emergency works. Trustees will ensure that delegated funds continue to be spent appropriately in the interest of the pupils of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust.

Trustees are also aware of their responsibilities to ensure sufficient reserves are kept to ensure good financial practice and to maintain a safe financial future for The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust. Any future financial trends are identified early by good financial planning and regular monitoring by finance staff and The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust finance and resources committee.

All reserves (restricted, unrestricted and capital funds) across the Trust are pooled centrally. The Trust are aiming to build total free reserves to the equivalent of at least 5% of total income (c£889k). Current reserves are below target, with free reserves (unrestricted funds and GAG funds) amounting to £442k. The Trust will continually review its Reserves position to ensure that the policy moving forward is appropriate for requirements and the needs across the schools both educational and infrastructure, namely: School Improvement programmes, Estates improvement; ICT improvements; Growth.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of Academy closure, outstanding LGPS liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2023.

#### **Investment Policy**

The Trustees have the ability to invest funds of the Academy Trust as they see fit. Currently the Academy Trust does not have any long term investments, with the cash reserves being held in the current bank account. The Trustees have no plans to make any long-term investments in the near future.

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)**

#### ***Principal Risks and Uncertainties***

The Trustees use several Academy Trust policies, including health and safety, finance, safeguarding and a risk register to evaluate strategic and reputational, operational, compliance and financial risks. The Trustees have ensured that the management structure, systems and controls are in place to manage those risks, as well as insurance to cover financial and governance arrangements. The board ensure regular review of risks through the reporting provided by the management team to the aforementioned governing body.

The principal risks facing the charitable company are the future level of government funding, pay increases to staff and building conditions. These risks are currently managed by careful control over budgeted expenditure. The trustees have also self-assessed financial and governance arrangements by completing the Academies Financial Management and Governance Evaluation which was submitted to the Education and Skills Funding Agency in the year, and they remain satisfied with the overall assessment.

#### **Fundraising**

Our only fundraising activities are in house and entail the sale of small items within the schools either for our own educational purposes or on behalf of other charities. Some of the academies parent run bodies (PTA's) raise money specifically for purchasing items or assisting with activities for the schools. The funds have been raised at or through events organised by the respective parent bodies or academies and have not involved fundraising outside of their school communities.

We are not involved in any cold calling or the use of commercial organisations to fundraise on our behalf.

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### Plans for Future Periods

St Mary's Truro, St Mary's Penzance and Madron Daniel School are due to join the Trust once PFI and land issues (respectively) have been resolved.

The Academy Trust will continue to strive to improve the level of performance of all pupils at all abilities and will continue its efforts to ensure all pupils are prepared for the next phase of education once they leave the Academy Trust from any school.

#### **Strategy 2025-2030**

The Board have worked with the Executive Leadership Team and Headteachers to develop the strategy for the Trust for the coming five years. The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust's strategy for 2025-2030 is a testament to our unwavering commitment to building a brighter future together. Central to this strategy is our vision of putting children first and providing them with a truly outstanding, inspirational and inclusive world-class education. Our values of ambition, empowerment, and ethics guide us in our daily work; ensuring that we always strive for excellence. Rooted in the Gospel values of love, dignity, and justice, our Trust envisions a world where every child flourishes through inclusive, compassionate, and community-centred education. We are committed to transforming schools into vibrant hubs of hope and service - places where learning uplifts, faith inspires and every individual is empowered to serve the common good. Pivotal to the success of this strategy is our focus on delivering excellence for our most vulnerable pupils. Each of the twelve key strands of the strategy will be examined through this lens, ensuring that we meet the aims of our four pillars: pupils, staff, schools and their communities. By living out our values and striving towards our vision, we will ensure the future sustainability of the Trust and create a lasting positive impact on our pupils, schools and the wider community.

#### **Our 2-to-5-year Masterplan**

The strategy will be arranged under four key pillars.

This plan is kept at the front and centre of all our strategy sessions and is one that can be adjusted if we change initiatives, priorities, and big moves.

- **Building a brighter future for our pupils** - providing an outstanding, inspirational education for all of our pupils preparing them well for their next stages of education.
- **Building a brighter future for our staff** - providing high quality CPD alongside coaching, learning from others nationally and internationally.
- **Building a brighter future for our schools and communities** - sustainable schools that are well routed in their local communities and fulfilling our civic responsibilities.
- **Building a brighter future for our trust** - ensure that The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust is well recognised by The Diocese of Truro and the DfE Regional Team, alongside other organisations in the sector for rigorous school improvement implementation; crafting school culture; and equality, diversity and inclusion. The Trust provides an exceptional central service to all of its schools.

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Trustees Report for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### *Current priorities - known as 'Big Moves'*

#### **Big Moves**

All Executive Leaders in the Trust will focus on the following 'big moves'. These big moves will be led by a key Executive Leader and a key Director who will meet termly to review the progress against KPIs and actions and report to the full board.

- **Teaching and Learning Project** - ensure the highest standards in an inclusive and inspirational education.
- **Christian Distinctiveness** - Church Schools become centres of excellence in RE, Collective worship and leading with a theologically underpinned vision through engagement with the Flourishing Schools Program.
- **Attendance** - Continue to improve rates of attendance through the application of the trust policy and procedures.
- **Growing Great People** - Staff development is driven by Professional Development Plans supported by a coaching model.
- **Governance** - ensures that schools are well routed in their communities and able to fulfil their civic responsibilities.
- **Trust Central Services** - service has the procedures and mechanisms to deliver capacity at scale.

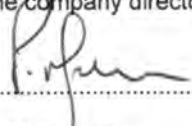
#### **Auditor**

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware;
- 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 Francis Clark 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 17.12.25 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Dr P McGovern  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



Mr R Webber  
Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees  
Finance & Resources Committee Chair

Date: 17.12.2026

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Governance statement

### Scope of responsibility

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

As Trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and competency framework for governance.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the CEO S Jones, 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 The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 6 times during the year as a Full Board, with the Finance & Resources Committee meeting 4 times; Standards 3 times; People 2 times; Internal Audit 2 times; Pay 1 time; held 1 AGM and an additional Members meeting. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
P McGovern (resigned 7 October 2024)	5	6
R Adams	5	6
R Webber	6	6
GIJ Springer (resigned 24 November 2025)	2	6
C Martin	3	6
L Seymour	6	6
K Raymond (resigned 8 September 2025)	6	6
J Smitham (appointed 7 October 2024)	5	6
L Lacey (appointed 14 May 2025)	3	3
A Massey (appointed 29 January 2025)	5	5

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Governance statement (continued)

#### Governance reviews

Governance activities which remained constant and unchanged throughout the year are the financial monitoring and support. The finance reports are regular and have enabled the Board to monitor and support any financial requests and demonstrate value for money. The focus for the coming year remains the same in terms of maintaining a steady and healthy financial position.

The Board of Trustees' structure has gained two new Trustees in year with skills in finance, HR & further education. The Board conducts an annual skills audit, which evidences it has a balance of the necessary skills and experience to carry out its functions effectively, with a succession plan in place for key roles on the board. Trustee attendance is monitored and discussed annually and attendance at relevant training is recorded. These tools of self-review ensure appropriate recruitment takes place and the Board members have a strong commitment to the role and to improving outcomes for children. The Trust has recruited a full time Governance Lead, to ensure the high standards of governance, communication and support across all the governance levels within the trust.

Each sub-committee of the Board comprises at least three trustees, one of whom is the committee chair. Each committee meets at least termly and presents a report of key findings and actions taken to the Board of Trustees.

The purpose of the Finance and Resources Committee is to support the Board and management with its financial obligations including budget setting, monitoring and financial processes. It also acts as the Audit & Risk committee to direct and review the trust's programme of external audit scrutiny and risk management systems. Finance decisions are discussed, challenged openly and minuted.

Attendance at meetings during the year is as follows:

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
R Webber	4	4
GIJ Springer (resigned 24 November 2025)	2	4
J Smitham	4	4
R Adams	4	4

The purpose of the Standards and Achievement Committee is to monitor, evaluate, and report to the Board on the implementation and impact of the MAT's curriculum and the quality of teaching and learning on targets and pupil/student attainment, achievement, standards.

Attendance at meetings during the year is as follows:

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
R Adams	3	3
L Seymour	3	3
C Martin	-	3
K Raymond	3	3

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Governance statement (continued)

The purpose of the Internal Audit Committee is to provide the Trust Board with assurances over the suitability of, and compliance with the MAT's internal scrutiny systems and controls.

Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
L Seymour	2	2
C Martin	2	2
P McGovern (resigned 7 October 2024)	2	2
K Raymond (resigned 8 September 2025)	2	2

The purpose of the People Committee is to assist the Trust Board in fulfilling its obligations relating to all human resource matters, ensure that workforce policies and practices are consistent with the Trust's values and support its long-term sustainable success.

Attendance at meetings during the year is as follows:

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
K Raymond	2	2
J Smitham	2	2
R Webber	2	2
R Adams	2	2

The purpose of the pay committee is to achieve the aims of the Trust-wide pay policy in a fair and equal manner.

Attendance at meetings during the year is as follows:

<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>	<b>Out of a possible</b>
R Adams	1	1
P McGovern	1	1
C Martin	1	1

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Governance statement (continued)**

The main areas agreed by trustees for further action and further embedding in governance processes in the year ahead included the following:

- The sequencing and timing of board committees in relation to the workflow and input into the main Trust Board.
- Considerations on improving diversity, equality and inclusion on the Trust Board and throughout the Trust.
- Strengthening links with the Diocese by ensuring foundation governors and trustees are identified and engaged.
- Recruitment of additional trustees based on skills and experience to strengthen the board's range of expertise.

#### **Review of Value for Money**

As accounting officer the CEO has responsibility for ensuring that the Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available.

The accounting officer has ensured the Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by ensuring Trustees, Executive Leadership Team, Senior Management, and the Accounting Officer consistently apply the five principles of best value. These principles guide decision-making and resource allocation throughout the Trust, contributing to the effective use of public resources and the attainment of educational and societal outcomes. The five principles are as follows:

- **Challenge:** Evaluating whether each school's performance meets high standards and questioning the necessity, delivery method, and relevance of services provided. The Trust also considers parental expectations and feedback when reviewing service provision.
- **Compare:** Analysing each school's pupil and financial performance against national, local, and similar establishments to identify areas for improvement and ensure benchmarking is robust.
- **Consult:** Actively seeking stakeholder input regarding the services each school offers to ensure their views inform decision-making and service development.
- **Compete:** Securing efficient and effective services by evaluating the quality and economic viability of services, and considering alternative providers to enhance value where appropriate.
- **Collaborate:** Engaging with other organisations to share best practice, promote continuous improvement, and enhance the quality of provision across the Trust.

By adhering to these principles, the Trust strengthens its commitment to best value, ensuring that educational standards and quality of provision are continuously improved to meet the needs of all pupils.

# **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

## **Governance statement (continued)**

### **Improving educational results**

Over the past year the schools have shared the costs e.g. Purple Mash, Accelerated Reader and Read Write Inc. which has led to greater teacher confidence in the teaching of phonics and the assessment of reading across the schools. There has also been EYFS, Writing and SENDco training and network meetings for key curriculum areas to share good practice and move support rapidly to the schools in need.

An audit of staff skills has been updated so that future CPD can be targeted and can be led by our own staff.

A constant development of the centralisation of finance function has allowed for further financial efficiencies and given us a clearer oversight of the purchasing needs across the Trust. This has helped us to focus on improving the effectiveness of procured services provision and giving higher bargaining power for procurement to increase efficiencies. GAG pooling has been implemented enabling us to allocate funds more fairly and according to need across our academies.

Further information on our Financial Performance and Income Generation actions are set out in the Trustees Report section of the accounts.

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

The internal control system is established to manage risk at an acceptable level, rather than to eliminate all risk and thus impeding the organisation's policies, aims, and objectives. Accordingly, it offers reasonable rather than absolute assurance regarding its effectiveness. This framework operates through an ongoing process that identifies and prioritises risks, assesses the likelihood and potential impact of each risk being realised, and manages these risks efficiently, effectively, and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

### **Capacity to Handle Risk**

The 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 year ending 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the 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 finance and resources committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting KPIs to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Governance statement (continued)

- identification and management of risks.

Monthly management accounts are produced by the Finance Team and overseen by the CFOO. These are shared via email with the Trustees and are also available to access on the Trust's IT platform. Trustees are able to contact the CFOO to discuss the information provided. The management accounts are presented to the Finance & Resources committee meetings, where in depth scrutiny is undertaken.

The Board of Trustees has given careful consideration to the need for a dedicated internal audit function and, as a result, has appointed Cornwall Council to serve as the Trust's internal auditor. The internal auditor's responsibilities include reviewing key operational areas of the Trust and providing recommendations for improvements and necessary changes. Following a procurement process Cornwall Council Internal Audit department were chosen due to their experience in providing internal scrutiny to Multi Academy Trusts, a broad range of expertise in a variety of risk areas, capability for attendance at board meetings where appropriate, with the ability for direct questions to be presented to the Internal Auditors.

During the financial year ending 31 August 2025, the internal audit programme focused on several significant areas, including Induction and Training, Cyber Security, Website Compliance, Business Continuity, and the processes surrounding Invoicing and Purchase Orders. These audits were designed to ensure robust controls and compliance across the Trust's activities.

Reports generated by the internal auditor are presented at regular Internal Audit Committee meetings. These meetings provide a forum for the discussion of audit outcomes and the ratification of action plans in response to audit findings. The Board of Trustees remains attentive to developments in regulatory guidance, and, in recognition of updates to the Academies Trust Handbook, has expanded the scope of internal audit beyond purely financial matters to encompass a broader range of Trust operations.

The internal auditor successfully completed the planned schedule of work for the year. The Board is pleased to confirm that there were no material control issues identified as a result of the internal audit reviews.

### Conflicts of Interest

All Trustees, Local Governing Bodies and staff with significant financial spending power are required to declare any financial interests they have.

All business interests should be declared such as Shareholdings, Directorships or other positions of influence held, including relevant business interest of close family members. Where an interest has been declared the individual shall not attend that part of any committee or other meeting.

A register of all declarations is held and this is published on the Trust's website.

### Review of Effectiveness

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

- the activities of the responsible officers;
- input provided by the external auditor;
- the outcomes of the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- input provided by the internal auditors; and
- the contributions of the Executive Leadership Team, Senior Management Team and Headteachers within the Trust, each tasked with developing and maintaining the internal control framework.

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Governance statement (continued)

The accounting officer has been appraised of the findings resulting from the review of the internal control system, and a continuous improvement plan has been established to address any identified weaknesses and to support ongoing enhancement of the system.

#### Conclusion

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 17.12.20 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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P McGovern  
Trustee

  
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S Jones  
Chief Executive Officer

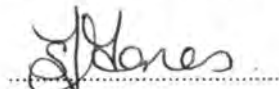
## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Statement of regularity, propriety and compliance

As accounting officer of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust, 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 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.



S Jones  
Accounting officer

Date: 17/12/25

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 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 judgments 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;
- 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.

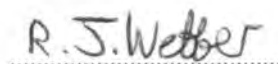
The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from ESFA/DfE have been 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 17.12.25 and signed on its behalf by:



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P McGovern  
Trustee



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R Webber  
Trustee

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust (the 'Academy') for the year ended 31 August 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

#### **Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Multi 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 Multi Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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.

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust (continued)**

#### **Other information (covers the Reference and administrative details, the Trustees Report and the Governance statement)**

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities [set out on page 27], 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's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Academy or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust (continued)**

#### **Auditor 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

As part of our audit planning we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that is applicable to the entity and the education sector in which it operates to identify the key laws and regulations affecting the entity. The key laws and regulations we identified were compliance with the funding agreement and Academy Trust Handbook 2024 and requirements with regard to safeguarding.

We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, primarily the Academies Accounts Direction 2024/25, Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

We discussed with management how the compliance with these laws and regulations is monitored and discussed the policies and procedures in place. We also identified the individuals who have responsibility for ensuring that the entity complies with laws and regulations and deals with reporting any issues if they arise.

As part of our planning procedures, we assessed the risk of any non-compliance with laws and regulations on the entity's ability to continue operating and the risk of material misstatement to the accounts.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved the following:

- conducting detailed regularity testing in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts as issued by the DfE, as reported on separately in our Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report;
- reviewed Board and Finance Committee minutes for indications of non compliance;
- reviewed legal and professional costs to identify legal costs in respect of non compliance;
- discussed the procedures in place for ensuring the safeguarding of pupils, including DBS checks and identified those staff and governors with responsibility for overseeing these areas;
- reviewed the accounts disclosures against those in the Academies Model Accounts 2024 to 2025, published by the DfE.

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust (continued)

As part of our enquiries we discussed with management whether there have been any known instances, allegations or suspicions of fraud of which there were none.

We evaluated the risk of fraud through incorrectly claimed expenses and unauthorised payments. We also evaluated the risk of fraud through management override including that arising from management's incentives. We determined that these risks are low as the Multi Academy Trust operates on a charitable, not for profit basis and so there would be no motivation for management to influence performance for individual gain. However there was considered a risk of the inappropriate allocation of expenditure against restricted funds.

In response to the identified risk, as part of our audit work we:

- reviewed the material restricted grant income sources, identified the related conditions and reviewed the nature of expenditure set against it for appropriateness, together with sample testing on expenditure;
- used data analytics to test journal entries throughout the period, for appropriateness; and
- reviewed accounting estimates and judgements made in the accounts for any indication of bias and challenged assumptions used by management in making the estimates.

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. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate omissions, collusion, forgery, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are also less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Academy's Members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Academy'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 Academy's Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*PKF Francis Clark*

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Darren Perry BA (Hons) ACA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
PKF Francis Clark, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 17 December 2025

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 5 September 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 The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 have not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

#### **Respective responsibilities of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust's Accounting Officer and the Reporting Accountant**

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 24 March 2014 (and subsequent amendments) 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 year from 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 have not been applied for the purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

#### **Approach**

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

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

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

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

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education (continued)

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Inspection and review of documentation providing evidence of governance procedures;
- Evaluation of the system of internal controls for authorisation and approval;
- Performing substantive tests on relevant 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 year from 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.

*PKF Francis Clark*

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Darren Perry BA (Hons) ACA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
Reporting Accountant  
PKF Francis Clark, Chartered Accountants

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Date: 17 December 2025

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2024/25 Total £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Voluntary income					
Donations and capital grants					
	3	37,157	-	544,303	581,460
		476,705	634,444	4,791,949	5,903,098
	5	844,929	-	-	844,929
	6	3,121	-	-	3,121
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable operations					
	4	341,928	16,007,630	-	16,349,558
		<u>1,703,840</u>	<u>16,642,074</u>	<u>5,336,252</u>	<u>23,682,166</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds					
	7	2,278	-	-	2,278
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations					
	8	924,991	16,311,828	408,104	17,644,923
		<u>927,269</u>	<u>16,311,828</u>	<u>408,104</u>	<u>17,647,201</u>
		776,571	330,246	4,928,148	6,034,965
		(889,007)	(244,540)	1,133,547	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension schemes					
	27	-	87,000	-	87,000
		(112,436)	172,706	6,061,695	6,121,965
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward at 1 September 2024 (As restated)					
		<u>398,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,779,949</u>	<u>6,177,983</u>
Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2025					
		<u>285,598</u>	<u>172,706</u>	<u>11,841,644</u>	<u>12,299,948</u>

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 August 2024 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £ (As restated)	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £ (As restated)	Total 2023/24 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Voluntary income					
Donations and capital grants					
	3	32,686	-	627,218	659,904
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable operations					
	4	305,124	11,610,591	-	11,915,715
Other trading activities					
	5	496,752	-	-	496,752
Investments					
	6	132	-	-	132
<b>Total</b>		<b>834,694</b>	<b>11,610,591</b>	<b>627,218</b>	<b>13,072,503</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds					
	7	4,129	558	-	4,687
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy trust educational operations					
	8	905,850	11,772,142	203,429	12,881,421
<b>Total</b>		<b>909,979</b>	<b>11,772,700</b>	<b>203,429</b>	<b>12,886,108</b>
Net (expenditure)/income		(75,285)	(162,109)	423,789	186,395
Transfers between funds		(445,551)	166,510	279,041	-
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit pension schemes					
	27	-	(15,000)	-	(15,000)
Net movement in (deficit)/funds		(520,836)	(10,599)	702,830	171,395
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward at 1 September 2023		918,870	10,599	5,077,119	6,006,588
Total funds carried forward at 31 August 2024		398,034	-	5,779,949	6,177,983

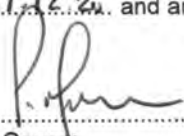
# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust


## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Company Number: 08909269

	Note	2025 £	2024 £ (As restated)
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	11,727,355	5,983,863
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	14	769,914	1,166,698
Cash at bank and in hand		931,430	553,990
		<u>1,701,344</u>	<u>1,720,688</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(1,109,714)</u>	<u>(1,517,027)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>591,630</u>	<u>203,661</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		12,318,985	6,187,524
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	<u>(19,037)</u>	<u>(9,541)</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>		<u>12,299,948</u>	<u>6,177,983</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>12,299,948</u>	<u>6,177,983</u>
<b>Funds of the Academy Trust:</b>			
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted general fund		172,706	-
Restricted fixed asset fund		<u>11,841,644</u>	<u>5,779,949</u>
		12,014,350	5,779,949
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted general fund		<u>285,598</u>	<u>398,034</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>12,299,948</u>	<u>6,177,983</u>

The financial statements on pages 34 to 71 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 11.12.25 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 P McGovern  
 Trustee

  
 .....  
 R Webber  
 Trustee

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	(As restated) 2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	21	1,204,538	(391,579)
Cash flows from investing activities	23	(840,865)	(330,142)
Cash flows from financing activities	22	<u>13,767</u>	<u>(6,947)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		377,440	(728,668)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		<u>553,990</u>	<u>1,282,658</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	24	<u><u>931,430</u></u>	<u><u>553,990</u></u>

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

### 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.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Multi 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 accounts 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 DfE, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

#### Prior period restatement

A prior period restatement has been made to correct the balance of income accrued in relation to an RPA insurance claim, and to reclassify the income from capital grants to trading income. The impact of the restatement on the prior year financial statements is:

An increase to unrestricted income (trading income, RPA claims) of £83,735.

An increase to accrued income of £83,735.

A decrease to capital grants of £205,293.

An increase to trading income (RPA claims) of £205,293.

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### 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 accounts 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 accounts.

As at 31 August 2025, the Trust holds unrestricted and restricted general reserves of £458,304, which represents 1.94% of total income. While this is below the long-term target, it reflects the strategic investment in growth, school improvement, undertaking emergency works and restructuring.

**Budgeted Forecasts & Actions:** The Trust has incorporated reserve building targets into its medium-term financial plan. Forecasts indicate that, subject to continued prudent financial management and cost controls, reserves will increase gradually to meet the policy objective of at least 5% of total income. Actions being taken include:

- Tightening non-essential expenditure controls across all schools
- Investment in new software, providing both Headteachers with more training, support and oversight of school level budgets, in order to increase accountability around budget management
- Centralising procurement to achieve better economies of scale
- Continue reviewing staffing structures to ensure sustainability, using ICFP based metrics to benchmark against recognised ratios
- Allocating surpluses from pooled funds to reserves where possible and in line with the academies requirements
- Recruitment strategy has been carefully aligned to ensure continued flexibility and support future planning

Where pupil numbers have fallen the Trust has implemented the above strategies and is also exploring enhanced Nursery provision to supplement income and build further resilience.

The Trust are currently budgeting for a £34k revenue surplus for 2025/26 and post year end results to 31 October 2025 show the Trust ahead of this budget.

#### Income

All incoming resources are recognised when the Multi Academy Trust has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Grants**

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

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

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

#### **Sponsorship income**

Sponsorship income provided to the Multi Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

#### **Donations**

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

#### **Other income**

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

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

Where assets and liabilities are received on the transfer of an existing academy into the trust, the transferred net assets are measured at fair value and recognised in the balance sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the trust. An equal amount of income / expense is recognised for the transfer of an existing academy into the trust within the Statement of Financial Activities.

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### **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 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 Multi 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 Multi Academy Trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Multi Academy Trust apportioned to charitable activities.

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Tangible fixed assets

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. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

In the case of the school land and buildings at St Meriadoc CE Infant and Junior Academy, Bishop Bronescombe CE School, St Michaels CE Primary, Grampound Road CE School, Grampound with Creed CE School, Veryan CE School, Ladock CE School and St Issey CE School, the Trust has a licence to occupy, evidenced by supplemental agreements between the academy trust, the Diocese and the Secretary of State. Having perused the arrangement with the Diocese, the trustees have concluded that control of the school land and buildings is retained by the Diocese and hence no land and building assets are recognised on the balance sheet. Any capital improvement work undertaken to these buildings are recognised as leasehold property improvements, capitalised and depreciated over the expected useful life. As a notional rental charge cannot be reliably measured for the value of the Diocese land and buildings, no such entries have been included in the accounts.

No assets are recognised in respect of school playing fields held on 125 year leases from the Local Authority as the land is considered to have an infinite life and hence all the risks and rewards are not considered to transfer to the Trust.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful lives, per the table below.

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

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

<b>Asset class</b>	<b>Depreciation method and rate</b>
Leasehold property	2% per annum on cost
Computer equipment	33% per annum on cost
Furniture & equipment	10% - 20% per annum on cost
Motor Vehicles	20% per annum on cost

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### 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 Multi 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.

#### Leased assets

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

#### Financial Instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. 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 as detailed in notes 15 and 16. 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.

#### Taxation

The Multi 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 Multi 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.

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Pension benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the Multi 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 Multi Academy Trust. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Multi Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in the notes to the financial statements, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Multi 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 operating surplus 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.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Multi 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 the 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 Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

#### Concessionary loans

Concessionary loans are loans provided at below market rates and are recognised in the accounts at the amount received with the carrying value adjusted to reflect repayments made in subsequent periods. The only concessionary loans in the accounts are Salix loans (see note 15 & 16) and are interest free.

#### Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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.

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Critical accounting estimates and assumptions*

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

The valuation of land and buildings transferred on conversion to an Multi Academy Trust. The Trustees use all information available including valuations reports and benchmarking these valuations to determine the fair value.

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 27, 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.

As at 31 August 2025, the actuarial valuation for the Trust includes a surplus totalling £2,785,000 (2024: £192,000 surplus). This surplus has not been recognised in the financial statements.

High UK corporate bond yields have resulted in high accounting discount rates which contributed to the closing surplus position. There is no detailed guidance in FRS 102 in relation to surplus balances, therefore reference has been made to IAS 19. This requires any surplus recognition to be limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of either refunds or reduced future contributions (the asset ceiling).

The right to a refund would occur in the form of a credit payable to the Trust, for example on exiting the pension fund. Whether any refund is provided is governed by Regulation 64 of the 2013 Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations and set out in the specific local authority funding strategy statement. The payment of this credit is at the discretion of the local authority based on a variety of pre-determined factors. Given there are no circumstances to suggest an exit from the fund and the determination of any credit is outside the control of the Trust, there is no basis to recognise any surplus.

# The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

With regards to reduced contributions, IAS 19 references minimum funding requirements used by certain schemes which limit the scope for contribution reductions. The LGPS administering authority must obtain a rates and adjustments certificate every three years that shows the contributions to be paid by each employer to the pension fund for the following three years, thereby limiting the availability of any contribution reductions. Additionally, the local authority funding strategy statement provides for potential reductions in future contributions, but these would be at the discretion of the local authority with, in the majority of cases, academies being part of a stabilisation approach which sets a limit on any change to contributions e.g. to 1% of pay per year. This suggests minimum funding requirements are applicable to the Trust as determined by IAS19. When actuary asset ceiling calculations assume that minimum funding requirements exist, they provide an asset ceiling value of £Nil.

Based on the above, it cannot be determined that a flow of future benefits is probable therefore no asset has been recognised.

#### **Critical areas of judgement**

The Trust has 9 schools that occupy property owned by the Diocese of Truro on church supplemental agreements. No valuation has been included in the financial statements to recognise the value of the properties because ultimate control is considered to remain with the Diocese. The trustees do not consider that a reliable estimate of any notional rent donation / expense can be made and hence no such entries have been included in the accounts.

Any capital improvement work undertaken to these buildings are recognised as leasehold property improvements, capitalised and depreciated over the expected useful life.

### 2 General Annual Grant (GAG)

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.

### 3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2024/25 Total £	2023/24 Total £ (As restated)
<b>Other voluntary income</b>				
Capital grants	-	544,303	544,303	627,218
Other donations	37,157	-	37,157	32,686
	<u>37,157</u>	<u>544,303</u>	<u>581,460</u>	<u>659,904</u>

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 4 Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable operations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	2024/25 Total £	2023/24 Total £
<b>Educational operations</b>				
<b>DfE/DfE revenue grants</b>				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	11,471,310	11,471,310	8,537,958
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	370,645	370,645	294,910
Core School Budget Grant	-	404,911	404,911	-
UIFSM	-	293,880	293,880	207,666
Pupil Premium	-	903,344	903,344	727,352
Trust Level Grant	-	124,316	124,316	242,864
PE & Sports Grants	-	226,620	226,620	190,880
MSAG	-	-	-	300,721
Teachers Pay Grant	-	201,819	201,819	151,491
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,996,845</u>	<u>13,996,845</u>	<u>10,653,842</u>
<b>Other government grants</b>				
Other local authority grants	-	79,302	79,302	17
SEN	-	645,361	645,361	295,016
Early years funding	-	980,992	980,992	635,376
ARB	-	303,290	303,290	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,008,945</u>	<u>2,008,945</u>	<u>930,409</u>
<b>Non-government grants and other income</b>				
Other incoming resources	106,999	1,840	108,839	167,574
Trips income	234,929	-	234,929	163,890
	<u>341,928</u>	<u>1,840</u>	<u>343,768</u>	<u>331,464</u>
Total grants	<u>341,928</u>	<u>16,007,630</u>	<u>16,349,558</u>	<u>11,915,715</u>

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024/25 Total £	(As restated) 2023/24 Total £
School shop sales	4,762	4,762	(6,975)
Hire of facilities	9,140	9,140	5,123
Parental income	326,139	326,139	126,162
RPA Claims	328,106	328,106	289,028
Other trading income	176,782	176,782	83,414
	<u>844,929</u>	<u>844,929</u>	<u>496,752</u>

#### 6 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2024/25 Total £	2023/24 Total £
Short term deposits	<u>3,121</u>	<u>3,121</u>	<u>132</u>

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 7 Expenditure

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Operating lease rentals	9,810	27,046
Depreciation	408,104	205,131
Fees payable to auditor - audit	28,545	17,400
- other audit services	10,720	13,200
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	<u>7,000</u>	<u>-</u>

	Non Pay Expenditure			2024/25 Total £	2023/24 Total £
	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £		
<b>Expenditure on raising funds</b>					
Allocated support costs	-	-	2,278	2,278	4,687
<b>Academy trust's educational operations</b>					
Direct costs	11,673,843	-	973,640	12,647,483	9,193,074
Allocated support costs	<u>2,113,801</u>	<u>1,486,838</u>	<u>1,396,801</u>	<u>4,997,440</u>	<u>3,688,347</u>
	<u>13,787,644</u>	<u>1,486,838</u>	<u>2,372,719</u>	<u>17,647,201</u>	<u>12,886,108</u>

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 8 Charitable activities

		Total 2024/25 £	Total 2023/24 £
Direct costs - educational operations		12,647,483	9,193,074
Support costs - educational operations		<u>4,997,440</u>	<u>3,688,347</u>
		<u>17,644,923</u>	<u>12,881,421</u>
	Educational operations £	Total 2024/25 £	Total 2023/24 £
<b>Analysis of support costs</b>			
Support staff costs	2,113,801	2,113,801	1,406,026
Depreciation	408,104	408,104	205,131
Technology costs	285,384	285,384	244,437
Premises costs	1,078,734	1,078,734	867,183
Other support costs	1,106,307	1,106,307	931,740
Governance costs	5,110	5,110	33,830
Total support costs	<u>4,997,440</u>	<u>4,997,440</u>	<u>3,688,347</u>

#### 9 Staff

##### Staff costs and employee benefits

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	9,961,382	7,217,921
Social security costs	1,056,319	644,373
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	2,370,644	1,619,724
Apprenticeship levy	35,259	-
	<u>13,423,604</u>	<u>9,482,018</u>
Supply staff costs	272,718	251,522
Staff restructuring costs	91,322	105,473
	<u>13,787,644</u>	<u>9,839,013</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 9 Staff (continued)

##### Staff numbers

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

	2024/25 No	2023/24 No
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
Teachers	111	81
Administration and support	244	199
Management	20	20
	<u>375</u>	<u>300</u>

##### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Multi Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Multi Academy Trust was £566,801 (2024: £448,399).

##### Higher paid staff

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

	2024/25 No.	2023/24 No.
£60,001 - £70,000	9	3
£70,001 - £80,000	5	2
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-
£90,001 - £100,000	2	1
£120,001 - £130,000	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

##### Special staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are special severance payments totalling £8,181 (2024: £26,906). Individually, the payments were:

Non-statutory payments £8,181

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 9 Staff (continued)

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
<b>Staff restructuring costs comprise:</b>		
Redundancy payments	83,141	68,912
Severance payments	8,181	36,561
	<u>91,322</u>	<u>105,473</u>

#### Severance payments

The academy trust paid 22 severance payments in the year, disclosed in the following bands:

	2024/25	2023/24
0 - £25,000	22	5

#### 10 Central services

The academy trust charges for the following services:

- Finance and administration support
- Legal and professional costs
- IT support
- Human resources support

The full costs of the provision of central services, net of income received centrally, is recharged to the academies proportionally at a flat rate of 5.5% (2024: 5.5%) of GAG income plus recharges of buildings insurance and payroll costs.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 10 Central services (continued)

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2024/25	2023/24
	£	£
Penponds Primary School	57,252	29,292
St Meriadoc CE Infant Academy	104,052	65,172
St Meriadoc CE Junior Academy	103,896	64,476
Troon CP School	84,264	54,588
St Ives Infant School	78,444	51,372
Bishop Bronescombe CE School	145,068	102,672
Grampound Road CE School	73,308	37,908
Grampound with Creed CE School	49,032	25,608
St Michael's CE Primary School	135,132	104,292
Ladock CE School	77,640	47,760
Veryan CE School	40,308	17,628
Trevithick Learning Academy	101,088	-
St Issey C of E Primary School	38,328	-
	<u>1,087,812</u>	<u>600,768</u>

#### 11 Related party transactions - Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No Trustee has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Multi Academy Trust. During the year no expenses were reimbursed to Trustees.

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out in note 28.

#### 12 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 membership.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 13 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Leasehold improvements to Diocese Schools £	Furniture and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 September 2024 (as restated)	4,815,611	2,011,139	708,130	18,999	594,770	8,148,649
Additions	118,355	1,158,761	22,097	9,500	79,576	1,388,289
Disposals	-	-	(2,875)	-	-	(2,875)
Transfers	4,656,715	28,924	32,613	-	45,055	4,763,307
At 31 August 2025	9,590,681	3,198,824	759,965	28,499	719,401	14,297,370
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 1 September 2024 (as restated)	949,854	146,020	555,186	6,017	507,709	2,164,786
Charge for the year	194,765	69,311	64,585	3,958	75,485	408,104
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(2,875)	-	-	(2,875)
At 31 August 2025	1,144,619	215,331	616,896	9,975	583,194	2,570,015
<b>Net book value</b>						
At 31 August 2025	8,446,062	2,983,493	143,069	18,524	136,207	11,727,355
At 31 August 2024 (as restated)	3,865,757	1,865,119	152,944	12,982	87,061	5,983,863

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 13 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

A restatement to the brought forward cost and depreciation of Leasehold property has been made to reclassify amounts to Leasehold Improvements to Diocese Schools. The value of the restated amounts are cost brought forward £541,133 and depreciation brought forward £12,586.

#### 14 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £ (As restated)
Trade debtors	29,870	13,197
Prepayments	125,547	150,848
Accrued grant and other income	497,668	847,375
VAT recoverable	116,732	154,640
Other debtors	97	638
	<u>769,914</u>	<u>1,166,698</u>

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	300,365	785,293
Other taxation and social security	228,535	139,936
Other creditors	294,214	226,711
Loans	2,502	1,361
Accruals	53,921	242,582
Deferred income	227,047	121,144
Finance leases	3,130	-
	<u>1,109,714</u>	<u>1,517,027</u>

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Deferred income</b>		
Deferred income at 1 September 2024	121,144	138,672
Resources deferred in the period	227,047	121,144
Amounts released from previous periods	<u>(121,144)</u>	<u>(138,672)</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2025	<u>227,047</u>	<u>121,144</u>

At the balance sheet date the Multi Academy Trust was holding funds of £227,047 (2024: £121,144) received in advance in respect of Universal Free School Meals and school trips.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due in greater than one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loans	7,039	9,541
Finance leases	11,998	-
	<u>19,037</u>	<u>9,541</u>

Included within Loans are 2 loans from DfE Urgent Capital Support fund originally totalling £14,545 repayable in monthly installments over 10 years with an interest rate of 2.22%/2.29% p.a.

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £ (As restated)	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
<i>Restricted general funds</i>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	11,471,310	(11,845,684)	547,080	172,706
Other DfE/ESFA	-	370,645	(370,645)	-	-
LA and other restricted grants	-	81,142	(81,822)	680	-
Pupil Premium	-	903,344	(903,344)	-	-
UIFSM	-	293,880	(293,880)	-	-
Other Non grant	-	-	(1,068)	1,068	-
SEN & ARB funding	-	948,651	(948,651)	-	-
Early years funding	-	980,992	(996,068)	15,076	-
Teachers pay grant	-	201,819	(201,819)	-	-
PE & Sport grant	-	226,620	(226,620)	-	-
Trust level grant	-	124,316	(124,316)	-	-
Core Schools Budget Grant	-	404,911	(404,911)	-	-
Transfer in on existing academies joining the trust	-	808,444	-	(808,444)	-
<i>Restricted fixed asset funds</i>					
Inherited on conversion	2,448,520	-	(55,411)	1,698,449	4,091,558
DfE group capital grants	2,942,043	544,303	(8,154)	15,919	3,494,111
Capital expenditure from GAG	368,942	-	(343,834)	3,363,137	3,388,245
Other capital income	2,570	-	(123)	718,108	720,555
Local Authority Capital Grant	17,874	-	(582)	129,883	147,175
Transfer in on existing academies joining the trust	-	4,791,949	-	(4,791,949)	-
<i>Pension reserve funds</i>					
Pension deficit	-	-	87,000	(87,000)	-
Transfer in on existing academies joining the trust	-	(174,000)	-	174,000	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>5,779,949</b>	<b>21,978,326</b>	<b>(16,719,932)</b>	<b>976,007</b>	<b>12,014,350</b>

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 17 Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £ (As restated)	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
<i>Unrestricted general funds</i>					
General Funds	398,034	1,703,840	(927,269)	(889,007)	285,598
Total unrestricted funds	<u>398,034</u>	<u>1,703,840</u>	<u>(927,269)</u>	<u>(889,007)</u>	<u>285,598</u>
Total funds	<u>6,177,983</u>	<u>23,682,166</u>	<u>(17,647,201)</u>	<u>87,000</u>	<u>12,299,948</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 17 Funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming resources £ (As restated)	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £(as restated)
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
<i>Restricted general funds</i>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	8,537,958	(8,704,468)	166,510	-
Other DfE/ESFA	-	294,910	(294,910)	-	-
LA and other restricted grants	30,000	26,357	(56,357)	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	727,352	(727,352)	-	-
UIFSM	-	207,666	(207,666)	-	-
SEN & ARB funding	-	295,016	(295,016)	-	-
Early years funding	-	635,376	(635,376)	-	-
MSAG	-	300,721	(300,721)	-	-
Teachers pay grant	-	151,491	(151,491)	-	-
PE & Sport grant	15,599	190,880	(206,479)	-	-
Trust level grant	-	242,864	(242,864)	-	-
<i>Restricted fixed asset funds</i>					
Inherited on conversion	2,503,677	-	(55,411)	254	2,448,520
DfE group capital grants	2,451,903	617,351	(123,171)	(4,040)	2,942,043
Capital expenditure from GAG	104,253	-	(23,505)	288,194	368,942
Other capital income	5,773	-	(1,074)	(2,129)	2,570
Local Authority Capital Grant	11,513	9,867	(268)	(3,238)	17,874
<i>Pension reserve funds</i>					
Pension deficit	(35,000)	-	50,000	(15,000)	-
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>5,087,718</b>	<b>12,237,809</b>	<b>(11,976,129)</b>	<b>430,551</b>	<b>5,779,949</b>
<i>Unrestricted general funds</i>					
General Funds	918,870	834,694	(909,979)	(445,551)	398,034
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>918,870</b>	<b>834,694</b>	<b>(909,979)</b>	<b>(445,551)</b>	<b>398,034</b>
Total endowment funds	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>6,006,588</b>	<b>13,072,503</b>	<b>(12,886,108)</b>	<b>(15,000)</b>	<b>6,177,983</b>

The academy trust is not subject to GAG carried forward limits.

## **The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)**

#### **17 Funds (continued)**

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

**Restricted general funds** - The restricted general fund includes grants receivable from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and the Department for Education towards the principal activity of the Multi Academy Trust, being the provision of education. Other grants include funding received from the LA in respect of SEN and Nursery.

**Restricted fixed asset funds** - The restricted fixed asset fund includes the leasehold property and furniture and equipment transferred to The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust on 1 April 2014, leasehold property and furniture and equipment transferred on 1 September 2021 in respect of St Ives Infant school and Education, furniture and equipment transferred on 1 November 2022, leasehold property and furniture and equipment transferred on 1 September 2024 in respect of Trevithick Learning Academy and St Issey CofE School and Education and Skills Funding Agency grants which have been received. The fund is being reduced by depreciation in the year.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Multi Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2024.

Transfers in the year have been made to reallocate fixed assets purchased from GAG and unrestricted funds; to reclassify assets between fixed asset funds and to split out the Venture MAT transferred in funds.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 17 Funds (continued)

#### Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2025 were allocated as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £ (As restated)
St Meriadoc CE Infant Academy	-	24,436
St Meriadoc CE Junior Academy	-	260,117
Penponds Primary School	-	8,057
St Ives Infant School	-	(43,242)
Troon CP School	-	29,343
Grampound Road CE School	-	5,104
Bishop Bronescombe CE School	-	13,291
Veryan CE School	-	(27,361)
Grampound with Creed CE School	-	(30,132)
St Michael's CE Primary School	-	(32,935)
Ladock CE School	-	(14,063)
Trevithick Learning Academy	-	-
St Issey C of E Primary School	-	-
Central services	<u>458,304</u>	<u>205,419</u>
Total before fixed assets and pension reserve	<u>458,304</u>	<u>398,034</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds	<u>11,841,644</u>	<u>5,779,949</u>
Total	<u><u>12,299,948</u></u>	<u><u>6,177,983</u></u>

This the year the Trust has implemented a reserves pooling policy. GAG and unrestricted funds carried forward at the end of the financial year have been transferred to central.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 17 Funds (continued)

#### Total cost analysis by academy

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs (excluding depreciation) £	Total 2025 £
St Meriadoc CE Infant Academy	794,264	239,207	25,634	158,471	1,217,576
St Meriadoc CE Junior Academy	949,222	73,575	38,562	257,246	1,318,605
Penponds Primary School	518,228	59,765	9,379	147,039	734,411
St Ives Infant School	739,131	89,836	19,296	135,823	984,086
Troon CP School	680,679	142,435	11,914	218,933	1,053,961
Bishop Bronescombe CE School	1,163,502	164,418	28,216	250,374	1,606,510
Grampound Road CE School	451,779	30,611	6,132	147,107	635,629
Grampound with Creed CE School	321,643	39,929	7,034	115,273	483,879
Ladock CE School	454,962	25,191	6,859	144,509	631,521
St Michael's CE Primary School	1,580,612	150,240	20,506	362,906	2,114,264
Veryan CE School	259,459	24,527	5,833	102,078	391,897
Trevithick Learning Academy	2,698,990	463,156	58,148	461,823	3,682,117
St Issey C of E Primary School	401,206	107,847	9,327	123,194	641,574
Central services	660,166	503,064	1,508	578,329	1,743,067
Academy Trust	<u>11,673,843</u>	<u>2,113,801</u>	<u>248,348</u>	<u>3,203,105</u>	<u>17,239,097</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 17 Funds (continued)

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs (excluding depreciation) £	Total 2024 £
St Meriadoc CE Infant Academy	793,065	271,338	29,045	248,446	1,341,894
St Meriadoc CE Junior Academy	999,172	67,193	35,362	235,100	1,336,827
Penponds Primary School	494,865	35,217	13,802	122,190	666,074
St Ives Infant School	713,324	123,626	27,963	153,218	1,018,131
Troon CP School	662,844	79,551	12,575	214,912	969,882
Bishop Bronescombe CE School	1,174,274	130,225	29,198	261,374	1,595,071
Grampound Road CE School	443,100	43,677	18,536	194,228	699,541
Grampound with Creed CE School	350,690	32,012	7,783	110,950	501,435
Ladock CE School	488,653	45,839	14,628	146,058	695,178
St Michael's CE Primary School	1,574,070	129,694	52,388	338,254	2,094,406
Veryan CE School	247,537	24,613	7,543	96,907	376,600
Central services	491,393	423,041	8,507	462,997	1,385,938
Academy Trust	<u>8,432,987</u>	<u>1,406,026</u>	<u>257,330</u>	<u>2,584,634</u>	<u>12,680,977</u>

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 18 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	16,118	-	11,711,237	11,727,355
Current assets	269,480	1,301,457	130,407	1,701,344
Current liabilities	-	(1,109,714)	-	(1,109,714)
Creditors over 1 year	-	(19,037)	-	(19,037)
Total net assets	<u>285,598</u>	<u>172,706</u>	<u>11,841,644</u>	<u>12,299,948</u>

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

	Unrestricted Funds £ (As restated)	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £ (As restated)	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	17,779	-	5,966,084	5,983,863
Current assets	380,255	859,856	480,577	1,720,688
Current liabilities	-	(850,315)	(666,712)	(1,517,027)
Creditors over 1 year	-	(9,541)	-	(9,541)
Total net assets	<u>398,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,779,949</u>	<u>6,177,983</u>

#### 19 Capital commitments

	2025 £	2024 £
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	<u>-</u>	<u>812,337</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 20 Long-term commitments, including operating leases

##### 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	25,874	9,810
Amounts due between one and five years	83,730	9,604
Amounts due after five years	3,333	-
	<u>112,937</u>	<u>19,414</u>

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

	2024/25 £	(As restated) 2023/24 £
Net income	6,034,965	186,395
Depreciation	408,104	205,131
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(544,303)	(916,246)
Interest receivable	(3,121)	(132)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(94,000)	(50,000)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	7,000	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	396,784	(454,862)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(411,584)	638,135
Non cash balances transferred in	(4,589,307)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) Operating Activities	<u>1,204,538</u>	<u>(391,579)</u>

#### 22 Cash flows from financing activities

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Repayments of borrowing	(1,883)	(6,947)
Cash inflows from new borrowing	15,650	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	<u>13,767</u>	<u>(6,947)</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 23 Cash flows from investing activities

	2024/25	(As restated) 2023/24
	£	£
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	3,121	132
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(1,388,289)	(1,246,520)
Capital grants from DfE Group	544,303	906,379
Capital funding received from sponsors and others	-	9,867
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(840,865)</u>	<u>(330,142)</u>

#### 24 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash in hand and at bank	<u>931,430</u>	<u>553,990</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>931,430</u>	<u>553,990</u>

#### 25 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2024	Cash flows	New finance leases	Other non-cash changes	At 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash	553,990	377,440	-	-	931,430
Loans falling due within one year	(1,361)	(1,141)	-	-	(2,502)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(9,541)	-	-	2,502	(7,039)
Finance lease obligations	-	522	(15,650)	-	(15,128)
	<u>(10,902)</u>	<u>(619)</u>	<u>(15,650)</u>	<u>2,502</u>	<u>(24,669)</u>
Total	<u>543,088</u>	<u>376,821</u>	<u>(15,650)</u>	<u>2,502</u>	<u>906,761</u>

#### 26 Member liability

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

## The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 27 Pension and similar obligations

The Multi 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 Cornwall Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

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

Contributions amounting to £187,735 (2024: £185,219) were payable to the schemes at 31 August and are included within creditors.

#### Teachers' Pension Scheme

##### Introduction

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

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

##### 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.

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#### 27 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

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 TPS in the period amounted to £1,656,605 (2024: £1,055,724).

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

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

#### Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2025 was £1,043,000 (2024 - £780,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £807,000 (2024 - £614,000) and employees' contributions totalled £236,000 (2024 - £166,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 19.8 per cent plus £32,000 for employers and 5.5 to 12.5 per cent for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of an academy trust closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

#### Local government pension scheme surplus

As at 31 August 2025, the actuarial valuation for the Trust includes a surplus totalling £2,785,000 (2024: £192,000 deficit). This surplus has not been recognised in the financial statements as explained further in the critical areas of judgement note in the accounting policies.

#### Principal actuarial assumptions

	2025	2024
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	2.70	2.65
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.70	2.65
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	<u>6.05</u>	<u>5.00</u>

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

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#### 27 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

	2025	2024
<b>Retiring today</b>		
Males retiring today	20.00	19.80
Females retiring today	23.00	22.90
<b>Retiring in 20 years</b>		
Males retiring in 20 years	20.80	20.60
Females retiring in 20 years	<u>24.70</u>	<u>24.70</u>
<b>Sensitivity analysis</b>		
	<b>At 31 August 2025</b>	<b>At 31 August 2024</b>
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	258,000	231,000
Discount rate -0.1%	-258,000	-231,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	-477,000	-405,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	477,000	405,000
CPI rate +0.1%	-256,000	-229,000
CPI rate -0.1%	<u>256,000</u>	<u>229,000</u>

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme were:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Equities	9,120,000	6,192,000
Corporate bonds	4,413,000	3,302,000
Property	883,000	619,000
Cash and other liquid assets	<u>294,000</u>	<u>206,000</u>
Total market value of assets	<u>14,710,000</u>	<u>10,319,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was (£462,000) (2024 - (£608,000)).

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 27 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

##### Amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Current service cost	713,000	534,000
Past service cost	-	30,000
Interest income	(689,000)	(488,000)
Interest cost	686,000	488,000
Total amount recognised in the SOFA	<u>710,000</u>	<u>564,000</u>

##### Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
At start of period	10,127,000	9,096,000
Transferred in on existing academies joining the trust	3,228,000	-
Current service cost	713,000	534,000
Interest cost	686,000	488,000
Employee contributions	236,000	166,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(2,897,000)	(57,000)
Benefits paid	(168,000)	(130,000)
Past service cost	-	30,000
At 31 August	<u>11,925,000</u>	<u>10,127,000</u>

##### Changes in the fair value of Academy Trust's share of scheme assets:

	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
At start of period	10,319,000	9,061,000
Transferred in on existing academies joining the trust	3,054,000	-
Interest income	689,000	488,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(227,000)	120,000
Employer contributions	807,000	614,000
Employee contributions	236,000	166,000
Benefits paid	(168,000)	(130,000)
At 31 August	<u>14,710,000</u>	<u>10,319,000</u>

#### 28 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust 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 the trustees have an interest. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

No related party transactions took place in the year, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 11.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

#### 29 Transfer of existing academies into the Academy Trust

On 1 September 2024 2 schools joined The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust from Venture Multi Academy Trust. The 2 schools joining the Trust were Trevithick Learning Academy and St Issey C of E Primary School. All the operations, assets and liabilities were transferred to The Rainbow Multi Academy Trust for £Nil consideration. The transfer has been accounted for under the acquisition method. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at fair value and recognised in the balance sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The following table sets out the carrying value of the assets and liabilities.

#### Venture Multi Academy Trust

	Value reported by transferring academy trust £	Transfer in recognised £
<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>		
Freehold land and buildings	4,656,716	4,656,716
Leasehold land and buildings	28,923	28,923
Furniture and equipment	32,613	32,613
Computer equipment	45,055	45,055
	<u>4,763,307</u>	<u>4,763,307</u>
<b>Other assets</b>		
Debtors due in less than one year	103,601	80,693
Cash in bank and in hand	1,570,312	1,343,477
	1,673,913	1,424,170
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Creditors due in less than one year	(360,123)	(110,380)
<b>Pensions</b>		
Pensions – pension scheme liabilities	(174,000)	(174,000)
Net assets	<u>5,903,097</u>	<u>5,903,097</u>