

Company Registration Number: 07647432 (England and Wales)

**The Leeds Jewish Free School
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 August 2025**

The Leeds Jewish Free School

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The Leeds Jewish Free School

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Trustees' Report

Year ended 31 August 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025. The Secretary of State for Education approved the school's plans on 11 July 2013 and issued the funding agreement to open the school in September 2013. The annual report serves the purpose of both a trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The academy trust operates an academy for pupils aged 11 to 16 serving a catchment area in north Leeds. It has a pupil capacity of 125 and had a roll of 129 in the school census on 19 April 2025.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The Trustees act as the governors of The Leeds Jewish Free School and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Leeds Jewish Free School.

Details of the trustees who served throughout the period except as noted 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.

Principal Activities

The company was set up for the purposes of applying to open a free school for the provision of Jewish ethos education and life skills to key stage 3 to 5 pupils from the local and wider community.

Trustees' Insurance

The Trustees Liability section of the RPA will indemnify Trustees, members of the governing body or board of Trustees of the Academy; Employees of the Academy acting in a managerial capacity and any employee named as a co-defendant in a claim made against a Trustee.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

All of the trustees are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and all are trustees for the purposes of charity legislation.

The members may appoint up to 14 Trustees.

The Members may appoint staff Trustees through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of Trustees (including the Principal) who are employees of the academy trust does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees. (The Trust is currently following the Academies Handbook recommendation that academies should not appoint staff as Trustees to the Academy governing body).

A minimum of 2 parent Trustees shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the free school.

The governing body shall appoint a person who is the parent of a registered pupil at the free school; or where it is not reasonably practical to do so, a person who is the parent of a child of compulsory school age.

The governing body shall make all necessary arrangements for, and determine all other matters relating to, an election of parent Trustees, including any question of whether a person is a parent of a registered pupil at the free school. Any election of parent Trustees which is contested shall be held by secret ballot.

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

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new trustees will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary induction will provide training on charity and educational, legal and financial matters. All new trustees will be given a tour of the school and the chance to meet with staff and students. All trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need in order to undertake their role as trustees.

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Year ended 31 August 2025

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The Leeds Jewish Free School is a Modern Orthodox Jewish School which aims to offer outstanding educational provision that ensures high academic standards, a strong moral ethic, a joy of learning, high aspirations and an expectation to contribute to the local community. This is underpinned by its strong Jewish ethos and an innovative educational model.

Every pupil will leave the school having enjoyed their education, achieved well and, if Jewish, proud of their faith, heritage and community. All pupils will see themselves as proud citizens or residents of Britain, respectful and understanding of all other members of its diverse community and contributing at all levels. They will respect and understand the values of this country and understand their future role in building on these. Our aspirations will be key drivers for our curriculum at all Key Stages and in all subjects. Our pupils will have access to education which meets these specific needs without family income or individual need being a barrier.

Objectives, strategies and activities

We will:

- Ensure that no pupil has to leave the city, county and region to access the education their families want and have an entitlement to.
- Ensure that underpinning all aspects of the educational planning will be the need to ensure our pupils are equipped for the world in which they will move into after education.
- Ensure that our teaching methods will ensure that they develop the capacity to learn independently, adapt to changing technologies and the demands of a global workplace.
- Ensure that by operating in an innovative way, with secure partnerships across sectors and organisations, the school will model to the pupils, the world in which they will live and work.
- Meet the needs and aspirations of a community that is committed to Leeds and secure this commitment by providing a full educational path within their home city.
- Ensure our pupils are able to apply to university because their high academic achievement, matched with their unique educational experience, will ensure that they are always considered as strong applicants for their chosen course and are well prepared for the challenges of university life. For those who choose an alternative route, they will do so with our support, ensuring they aspire to achieve all they are capable of and can choose confidently from the many alternative educational and vocational routes available today.
- Ensure that all our students will develop a strong sense of self, beliefs and faith irrespective of their own family faith background. They will value the diversity within the school and the opportunity to develop an understanding of each other.

Public Benefit

The provision of a secondary school in Leeds providing a Jewish ethos education provides significant public benefit to the local community.

Until LJFS opened, families who wanted a Jewish ethos based secondary education had to send their children to Manchester each day. Children were spending approximately a year of their school lives travelling.

Releasing children from long days and dangerous travelling over the Pennines every school day is a positive benefit for the Leeds and wider West and North Yorkshire communities. In the longer term when the school achieves its strategic objectives there will be environmental benefits from fewer bus journeys to Manchester.

As well as its Jewish pupils almost 50% of the students are from other faith backgrounds. This unexpected but critical dynamic will help ensure that LJFS contributes to the long term cohesion of the Leeds city community.

A significant number of our students face additional challenges (both educational and socio-economic). These students are being offered an educational opportunity far in excess of what could be offered in other schools and is becoming a recruitment feature of the school.

Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

In 2024, Leeds Jewish Free School (LJFS) underwent a non-graded Ofsted inspection and was judged to be **Good** in all areas. This positive outcome reflects the school's ongoing commitment to improvement and its alignment with strategic priorities. Inspectors recognised the strength of the curriculum, the respectful and inclusive school culture, and the effectiveness of leadership and safeguarding. These findings affirm that LJFS is making meaningful progress towards its goals of delivering high-quality education, fostering personal development, and ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all pupils.

Overall Effectiveness: Good

1. Quality of Education: Good

- The curriculum is well-structured and ambitious.
- Teachers deliver lessons effectively, adapting to pupils' needs.
- Pupils achieve well across subjects, with strong outcomes in core areas.

2. Behaviour and Attitudes: Good

- Pupils are respectful and well-behaved.
- The school has a calm and orderly environment.
- Attendance is good, and pupils show positive attitudes to learning.

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Trustees' Report (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2025

3. Personal Development: Good

- Pupils benefit from a rich programme of personal development.
- The school promotes values such as respect, tolerance, and responsibility.
- Careers education and guidance are well embedded.

4. Leadership and Management: Good

- Leaders have a clear vision and high expectations.
- Staff feel supported and valued.
- Safeguarding is effective and well-monitored.

The school is a member of the Red Kite Alliance which enhances our collaborations and partnership working. Subject leaders and all staff have a wider network of colleagues to help monitor and evaluate our provision.

KS4 Attainment 2024 · Actual results

31 pupils

Attainment 8 (Overall)

5.2↑



In line with the national average (4.5) ⚡

% English & Maths (Grade 4+)

90%+



Significantly above the national average (64%) ⚡

KS4 Progress 2024 · Value Added

24 matched pupils

Progress 8 (Overall)

+0.45



In line with the national average (0) ⚡

% English & Maths (Grade 4+)

+25%+



Significantly above the national average (0%) ⚡

In March 2023 the quality of Jewish religious education was inspected – “Pikuach”. The overall judgement of the inspection is shown below.

“The Quality of Jewish Education at Leeds Jewish Free School is outstanding. Jewish Studies Lessons are underpinned by a recently launched and highly ambitious Jewish Studies curriculum centred around Jewish values and Jewish living. This curriculum is delivered in an atmosphere of respect and inclusion for all students.”

Inspection judgement	Grade
Quality of Jewish Education	1
Jewish Personal and Spiritual Development	2
Leadership and management	1
Overall effectiveness	1

Key Performance Indicators

The key metric of teaching and support staff are within the recommended thresholds for the sector. Trust maintains a strong focus on ensuring that staffing levels and associated costs are effectively managed to support high-quality education while maintaining financial prudence.

	2025	2024
Teaching and support staff cost as a percentage of total expenditure	74.9%	76.8%
Teaching and support staff cost as a percentage of total income	69.6%	75.7%

While the percentage of staff costs as a proportion of expenditure is at the upper end of the sector benchmark, this aligns with the Trustee's policy of strategic investment in teaching and support staff to meet pupil needs.

The Trust continues to monitor staffing ratios and cost efficiency through periodic reviews to maintain financial sustainability while delivering high-quality education.

Going Concern

The Academy's activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the achievements review above. The financial position of the company, its cash flows and liquidity position are detailed in the financial statements on pages 17 to 34.

The Trustees believe that the Academy is well placed to manage its business risks successfully. The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Financial Review

During the period the majority of the Academy's operating income was obtained from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in the form of grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The funds received from the ESFA and donations during the period ended 31 August 2025 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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During the period ended 31 August 2025, total revenue expenditure of £1,503,054 was financed by grant funding from the DfE and other trading activities. The excess of expenditure over income for the period was £15,058 before taking into account the actuarial loss from defined benefit pension schemes of £5,000.

At 31 August 2025 the carrying amount of fixed assets was £2,297,077 and movements in intangible and tangible fixed assets are shown in notes 11 and 12 to the financial statements. The assets are to be used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The Academy held fund balances at 31 August 2025 of £2,516,614 comprising £nil restricted general funds (including the deficit on defined benefit pension schemes of £5,000), £2,297,077 restricted fixed asset fund and £219,537 unrestricted funds, (see note 15).

Reserves Policy

Leeds Jewish Free School has established this reserves policy to protect its activities by providing financial buffers against an unpredictable environment and to make sufficient provision for future cash flow requirements. The policy also provides the framework for future strategic planning and decision-making. An effectively implemented reserves policy will mitigate the impact of any risk upon the continuing operations of LJFS caused by funding uncertainty.

This policy and the establishment of reserve targets should be based on a continual assessment of the internal and external operating environment.

Trusts should use their allocated GAG funding for the full benefit of their current pupils. If a trust has a substantial surplus, they should have a clear plan for how it will be used to benefit their pupils, for example a long-term capital project. ESFA will report to DfE any trusts where it has serious concerns about a long-term substantial surplus with no clear plans for its use.

The Charity Commission reminds Trustees that:

- Charity law requires any income received by the Trust to be spent within a reasonable period of receipt.
- A good reserves policy takes into account the Trust's financial circumstances and other relevant factors.
- It is good practice to monitor the level of reserves throughout the year.

Types of Reserves

Reserves are the representation of the cash balance available at the period end. In charity accounts, which are used for academies, this cash is transferred into fund balances. These balances can be for "restricted" or "unrestricted" purposes depending on their source.

Unrestricted Reserves

Unrestricted reserves are derived from income funds, grants or donations that can be spent at the discretion of Trustees in furtherance of any of the Trust's objectives.

If part of an unrestricted income fund is earmarked for a particular project it may be 'designated' as a separate fund. However, the designation has an administrative purpose only and does not place restrictions on how the fund is eventually spent. Unrestricted reserves will be generally achieved through operating efficiencies and from trading profits.

Restricted Reserves

Restricted reserves are mainly derived from government grant funding through the ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency) but may also include other grants or donations provided for a specific purpose. Restricted reserves must be used in accordance with the limitations outlined in the original funding (in the case of ESFA funding, this is as detailed in the Trust's funding agreement).

Key Policy Principles

The following principles underpin the Trust's approach to reserve management:

- The Trust will set a balanced in-year revenue budget every year.
- The Trust's reserves balance should only decrease due to capital investment and/or other organisational needs which shall always be approved by the Finance Committee.
- The Trust's general reserves balance may be comprised of restricted or unrestricted reserves.

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Trust General Reserves Balance

The Trust general reserve balance will be maintained at a level equivalent

- 10% of GAG subject to 10% tolerance either way (so between 9% and 11% of GAG). Therefore, if the GAG for the following year is forecasted to be 700K, the Trust's reserves balance should be 70K but can remain between 63K and 77K. This is the percentage that Trustees regard as an appropriate level of reserves, given the current operating environment. It also takes into account that the Trust is eligible for an annual School Condition Allocation (SCA), therefore Trust reserves will not normally be required to fund capital projects. For the avoidance of doubt, the 10% of GAG target reserves does not therefore include any carry forward of unspent SCA.
- A general reserve balance higher than this figure must be supported by an appropriate plan, for example for expenditure on school improvement or capital works, or to mitigate a specific foreseen risk.
- The amount required to contribute to reserves will vary from year, as this amount is defined by what is required to make the reserves balance up to the 10% of GAG target. If for example the target is £70k and the current reserves balance is £60k, the contribution will be £10k.
- Other balances in reserves will include amounts of donations from the community, therefore the reserve amount will be higher than the 10% of GAG

The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants, and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent repairs and maintenance.

The contribution will be set annually for the following year once February (half year) Management Accounts are completed and will be based on the forecasted current year end reserves balance at that point, together with estimated GAG for the following year. Contributions will then be included in the budgets for the following year.

School in Year Surplus Balances

An in-year surplus balance over and above agreed reserves contribution, may normally be spent as determined, once the previous year's accounts have been closed. Trustees may designate these reserves to specific short-term projects that will be completed within two years but reserves may not be carried forward for more than two years without the express approval of the Finance Committee.

Deficit budget

In exceptional circumstances, it may be necessary to propose a deficit in-year budget. Such a budget must be accompanied by a recovery plan approved by the Finance Committee, resulting in the deficit being 'repaid' within a timeframe deemed acceptable by the Committee.

Expenditure against reserves balances

Trustees may temporarily decide to increase the reserves balance over the 10% of GAG target, for example to fund a specific school improvement initiative. Expenditure that subsequently draws on reserves must be approved in advance by the Finance Committee. In exceptional cases, for example where expenditure is necessary to comply with a statutory requirement, reserves may be spent without prior approval (but subject to purchasing authority limits within the Finance Policy) but must be reported at the next Finance committee meeting.

Investment Policy

A return on working capital shall be optimised whilst allowing easy access of the funds. In balancing risk against return the academy policy is geared towards avoiding risk rather than to maximise return. The Academies current investment policy is to maximise income but from a low-risk strategy. All monies are currently held on bank deposit and are attracting interest.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Academy has undertaken work during the period to develop and embed a system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management which is designed to protect the Academy's assets and reputation.

Good estates management for Schools

Throughout the year the Trust has started to implement the ESFA advice and requirements for Good Estates Management for Schools (GEMS). This means managing the school estate strategically and maintaining the estate in a safe working condition and complying with relevant regulation. As well as ensuring the statutory and moral responsibility for the health and safety of students, staff and other users of the campus the Trustees are conscious of the terrorism threat to the school and resources have been allocated to the physical security on the campus. These include upgrades to the invacuation system and film on windows.

A risk register is maintained at the Academy and identifies the key risks, the likelihood of those risks occurring, their potential impact on the Academy and the actions being taken to reduce and mitigate the risks.

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Outlined below is a description of the principal risk factors that may affect the Academy. Not all the factors are within the Academy's control. Other factors besides those listed below may also adversely affect the Academy.

1. Funding

The Academy has considerable reliance on continued government funding through the DfE. In the year ended 31 August 2025 a significant proportion of the Academy's revenue is DfE/ESFA funded, and it is envisaged the majority of income for the foreseeable future will be derived from public sources.

To mitigate this risk the academy will maintain and manage key relationships with the DfE, and will make every effort to ensure student numbers, the key driver of funding in the sector, will grow. In addition to DfE funding the school is seeking community contributions to support the enrichment of the curriculum and the school's activities.

2. Minimise the risk of litigation against the Academy

Trustees are aware of the need to ensure that the risks of litigation from employees, suppliers, parents, students and other stakeholders are minimised to prevent reputational damage and financial loss. Insurance cover remains a necessity for risk mitigation in this area.

3. Ensure on-going cash solvency

Management prepares detailed forecasts and implement internal controls to minimise the possibility of unexpected financial losses. Scrutiny of the financial information by Trustees helps ensure due diligence in all areas of financial planning and cash management.

Fundraising

The Trust formally requested parental charitable contributions in 2024-2025. The Trust is extremely grateful to all the parents who made monthly donations and Trustees who responded with one off payments. Charitable contributions from individuals in 2024-2025 amounted to £7,675. Charitable donations from other charitable bodies was £155,500 in 2024-2025.

Plans for Future Periods

The Leeds Jewish Free School has increased the choice of secondary school placement to parents of pupils who wish for a Jewish ethos based education, or a strong faith based environment as well as the high standard of education. The next 12 months will continue to focus on developing a strong combination of building pupils' life skills and tailoring the curriculum to individual pupils' abilities and needs. As well as establishing the strong educational provision there will be a clear focus on recruitment using the evidenced progress being made by all pupils and the quality of the educational provision and resources.

Auditor

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

22 Dec 2025

Approved by order of the members of the governing body on and signed on its behalf by:



D Cohen (Dec 22, 2025, 12:20pm)

Councillor Daniel Cohen
Chair of Trustees

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Governance Statement

Year ended 31 August 2025

Scope of Responsibility

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

The governing body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility of accounting officer to the Principal, for ensuring that 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 Leeds Jewish Free School and the Secretary of State for Education. A trustee has been appointed as the Responsible Officer who is also responsible for reporting to the governing body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

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

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the principal, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Leeds Jewish Free School 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 normally meet formally 4 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Alex Abrams	3	4
Lisa Baker	3	4
Richard Bentley	3	4
Jason Broch	2	4
Daniel Cohen	4	4
Henry Cohen	3	4
Rabbi Reuven Cohen	2	4
Charlotte Kelsey	4	4
Jasob Kleiman	0	4
Emma Wisnia	4	4

Oversight of funds

The Trustees normally meet a minimum of 3 times per financial period where they consider financial health and performance of the school against the approved budget. These reports are presented to Trust Board by the Chair (a qualified ACA accountant) of the Finance, Resources and Building subcommittee. The subcommittee considers in detail the latest monthly management accounts, variances to budget and considers requests to action expenditure not previously approved by the Trustees and the related financial impact. In addition, the Director of Finance produces each month management accounts that are distributed to the Trust Chair, Chair of the Finance, Resources and Building subcommittee and the Principal/Accounting Officer who are able to raise queries and follow up on any matters raised in the report.

The finance and resources committee is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is:

- Initial review and authorisation of the annual school budget.
- Regular monitoring of actual expenditure and income against budget.
- Ensuring that the school annual accounts are produced in accordance of the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the DfE and ESFA guidance issued to Academies.
- Authorising changes to the school personnel establishment;
- Reviewing the reports of the Responsible Officer and internal audit on the effectiveness of the financial procedures and controls. These reports must also be made available to the full Governing Body.

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Attendance during the year at meetings of the Finance and Resources Committee was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Richard Bentley	2	3
Jason Broch	1	3
Daniel Cohen	1	3
Henry Cohen	3	3
Rabbi Reuben Cohen	1	3
Charlotte Kelsey	3	3
Emma Wisnia	2	3

Conflicts of Interest

The Trust maintains a trustee's declaration of interest which is updated annually at the start of the academic year. All meetings of the trustees begin with an agenda item asking Trustees and others present to declare any conflicts of interest arising from any of the items on the agenda. Potential conflicts of interests arising from sharing the campus and buildings with a VA local authority school with mutual governance members are monitored by the chief financial officer.

Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer, the principal has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to educational and wider societal outcomes, as well as estates safety and management, achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data or by using a framework where appropriate. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- *Improving educational results*

Leeds Jewish Free School completed its seventh year delivering effective and innovative teaching and learning in the 31 August 2024 – 2025 academic year. Leeds Jewish Free School has made significant steps to provide the community with secondary high-quality teaching and learning built around a Jewish faith, culture and ethos. The Free School's last two cohorts, now year 12 and 13 pupils, have all made significant progress studying at a nearby sixth form or further education colleges. The current cohorts of pupils are all making significant progress and the current year 11 are on course to achieve their progression targets.

- *Targeted improvement and focus on individual pupils*

Staffing structure is deployed to drive and support school improvement and to support a wider curriculum. The aim is to raise achievement so that all students achieve a minimum of five 9-5 grades including both English and mathematics. English and mathematics are targeted with additional teaching capacity to provide intervention work for students not achieving expected progress.

The Purpose of the System of Internal Control.

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in The Leeds Jewish Free School 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 governing body 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 governing body 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 governing body.

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Governance Statement (continued)

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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:

- budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the governing body;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks

The board of trustees has decided to employ TIAA as internal auditor as independent appropriately qualified organisation to check financial controls, systems and risks. The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial and other matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial and other systems. In particular, the checks carried out in the current period included:

- testing receipts and banking
- testing payments to creditors
- testing staff contracts to payments/overtime payments/deductions from pay
- testing bank reconciliations
- testing credit card use authorisations

On an annual basis, the auditor's report(s) are considered by the board of trustees, through the finance committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities. The annual report outlines the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

The internal auditor has carried out the schedule of work as planned. There were no material control issues arising.

Review of Effectiveness

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

- the work of the internal auditor
- the work of the external auditor
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process or the school resource management self-assessment tool
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the audit and risk committee and a plan to address weaknesses [if relevant] and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Conclusion

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

22 Dec 2025

Approved by order of the members of the governing body on and signed on its behalf by:



D Cohen (Dec 22, 2025, 12:20pm)

Councillor Daniel Cohen
Chair of Trustees



C Kelsey (Dec 22, 2025, 1:45pm)

Mrs Charlotte Kelsey
Accounting Officer

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Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

Year ended 31 August 2025

As accounting officer of The Leeds Jewish Free School, 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.

Charlie Kelsey

C Kelsey (Dec 22, 2025, 1:45pm)

Mrs Charlotte Kelsey
Accounting officer

22 Dec 2025

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The Leeds Jewish Free School

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Year ended 31 August 2025

The trustees (who act as governors of the Leeds Jewish Free School and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring 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.

22 Dec 2025

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



D Cohen (Dec 22, 2025, 12:20pm)

Councillor Daniel Cohen
Chair of Trustees

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Leeds Jewish Free School

Year ended 31 August 2025

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Leeds Jewish Free School (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education.

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' 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.

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 themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report, prepared for the purposes company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Leeds Jewish Free School (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2025

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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 directors' 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 trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 12, the trustees (who are also the directors of the academy trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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.

Based on our understanding of the charity and the charity sector, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with law and regulations related to the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and the audit procedures performed included:

- discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws, regulation and fraud;
- challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates;
- testing of non-purchase and sales ledger bank transactions;
- testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- testing of purchase invoice authorisations.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of The Leeds Jewish Free School (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2025

Use of our report

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

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Alistair Russell (Dec 22, 2025, 1:53pm)

Alistair Russell FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of

Gibson Booth Chartered Accountants

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22 Dec 2025

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to The Leeds Jewish Free School and the Secretary of State for Education

Year ended 31 August 2025

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 11 November 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 Leeds Jewish Free School 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 Leeds Jewish Free School and the Secretary of State for Education in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to The Leeds Jewish Free School 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 Leeds Jewish Free School and the Secretary of State for Education, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the accounting officer of The Leeds Jewish Free School' and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Leeds Jewish Free School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 11 July 2013 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2019, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw our conclusions includes:

- an initial risk assessment, the result of which were used to tailor a specific work programme to ensure sufficient appropriate evidence could be obtained to support the conclusion; and
- a review of the academy trust's accounting and internal control procedures; and
- consideration and review of the evidence supporting the accounting officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance.

Conclusion

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



Alistair Russell (Dec 22, 2025, 1:53pm)

Gibson Booth Chartered Accountants
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22 Dec 2025

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2025 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	2	163,175	-	6,295	169,470	69,023
Charitable activities:						
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	3	-	1,246,543	-	1,246,543	1,215,779
Other trading activities	4	45,415	119,858	-	165,273	170,790
Investments	5	3,488	-	-	3,488	3,447
Total		<u>212,078</u>	<u>1,366,401</u>	<u>6,295</u>	<u>1,584,774</u>	<u>1,459,039</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		42,447	-	-	42,447	51,121
Charitable activities:						
Academy trust educational operations	7	-	1,460,607	96,778	1,557,385	1,462,030
Total	6	<u>42,447</u>	<u>1,460,607</u>	<u>96,778</u>	<u>1,599,832</u>	<u>1,513,151</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		169,631	(94,206)	(90,483)	(15,058)	(54,112)
Transfers between funds	15	(175,695)	99,206	76,489	-	-
Other recognised gains:						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	(5,000)	-	(5,000)	(8,000)
Net movement in funds		<u>(6,064)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,994)</u>	<u>(20,058)</u>	<u>(62,112)</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		225,601	-	2,311,071	2,536,672	2,598,784
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>219,537</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,297,077</u></u>	<u><u>2,516,614</u></u>	<u><u>2,536,672</u></u>

The Leeds Jewish Free School
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

		31 August 2025	31 August 2024
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	11	-	966
Tangible assets	12	2,297,077	2,310,105
		<u>2,297,077</u>	<u>2,311,071</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	134,696	179,909
Cash at bank and in hand		369,272	245,765
		<u>503,968</u>	<u>425,674</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	(284,431)	(200,073)
Net current assets		<u>219,537</u>	<u>225,601</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		<u>2,516,614</u>	<u>2,536,672</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme asset	21	-	-
Total net assets		<u><u>2,516,614</u></u>	<u><u>2,536,672</u></u>
Funds of the academy trust:			
Restricted funds			
General Funds	15	-	-
Fixed asset reserve	15	2,297,077	2,311,071
Pension reserve	15	-	-
Total restricted funds		<u>2,297,077</u>	<u>2,311,071</u>
Unrestricted income funds		219,537	225,601
Total funds		<u><u>2,516,614</u></u>	<u><u>2,536,672</u></u>

22 Dec 2025

The financial statements on pages 18 to 35 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf by:



D Cohen (Dec 22, 2025, 12:20pm)

Councillor Daniel Cohen
Chair of Trustees

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	17	<u>196,508</u>	<u>(37,896)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		3,488	3,447
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		-	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(82,784)	(12,602)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		<u>6,295</u>	<u>6,303</u>
		<u>(73,001)</u>	<u>(2,852)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		123,507	(40,748)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2024		245,765	286,513
Cash and cash equivalents at the 31 August 2025		<u><u>369,272</u></u>	<u><u>245,765</u></u>

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2025

1 Statement of 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 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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2024 to 2025 issued by DfE, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Leeds Jewish Free School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going Concern

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

Incoming Resources

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

Grants

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the 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 when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

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 is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Donated goods, facilities and services

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

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.

Expenditure on Raising Funds

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

Charitable activities

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

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

Amortisation is provided on intangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer software	25% straight line
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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. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the academy trust's depreciation policy.

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

Long leasehold buildings	2% straight line
Furniture and fixtures	20% straight line
Plant and equipment	25% straight line

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.

Liabilities

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

Taxation

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

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

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 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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 note 14. 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. Amounts due to charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Pensions Benefits

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 21, 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 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 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 Education and Skills Funding Agency, Department for Education and other funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and Department for Education.

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.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 21, will impact the carrying amount of the pensions liability. Furthermore, a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2025. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

The annual amortisation and depreciation charge for intangible and tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 11 and 12 for the carrying amount of the intangible and tangible assets, and accounting policies for the amortisation and depreciation rates used for each class of assets.

Critical areas of judgement

The pension results schedule shows a net pension asset. Therefore, in line with the accounting guidance of FRS102. The actuary carried out further calculations to ascertain to what extent the asset could be recovered through refunds or a reduction in future contributions. The refund option was not considered, as the Academy Trust is unlikely to leave the scheme. In considering the potential asset from reduced contributions, the current service costs in perpetuity were compared to the minimum funding guarantee for service in perpetuity. The excess is applied to the net pension asset known as the asset ceiling, see note 21 for the calculation of the asset ceiling.

The Leeds Jewish Free School

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Donations	163,175	-	163,175
Capital Grants	-	6,295	6,295
	<u>163,175</u>	<u>6,295</u>	<u>169,470</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations	62,720	-	62,720
Capital Grants	-	6,303	6,303
	<u>62,720</u>	<u>6,303</u>	<u>69,023</u>

3 Funding for the Academy Trust's Educational Operations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
DfE / ESFA grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,019,362	1,019,362
Pupil Premium	-	34,335	34,335
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	81,024	81,024
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,134,721</u>	<u>1,134,721</u>

Other Government grants

Local authority grants	-	111,822	111,822
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,246,543</u>	<u>1,246,543</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
DfE / ESFA grants			
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	988,719	988,719
Pupil Premium	-	28,386	28,386
Supplementary grants	-	32,715	32,715
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	44,430	44,430
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,094,250</u>	<u>1,094,250</u>

Other Government grants

Local authority grants	-	121,529	121,529
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,215,779</u>	<u>1,215,779</u>

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4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Other Income	9,043	-	9,043
Catering	11,033	-	11,033
School Trips	25,339	-	25,339
Recharges	-	119,858	119,858
	<u>45,415</u>	<u>119,858</u>	<u>165,273</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Other Income	15,321	-	15,321
Catering	12,687	-	12,687
School Trips	26,940	-	26,940
Recharges	-	115,842	115,842
	<u>54,948</u>	<u>115,842</u>	<u>170,790</u>

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£
Bank interest	3,488	-	3,488
	<u>3,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,488</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Bank interest	3,447	-	3,447
	<u>3,447</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,447</u>

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6 Expenditure

	Non Pay Expenditure			Total
	Staff Costs	Premises	Other	2025
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds	-	-	42,447	42,447
Academy's educational operations:				
Direct costs	1,063,332	-	39,309	1,102,641
Allocated support costs	248,074	141,692	64,978	454,744
	<u>1,311,406</u>	<u>141,692</u>	<u>146,734</u>	<u>1,599,832</u>

	Non Pay Expenditure			Total
	Staff Costs	Premises	Other	2024
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds	-	-	51,121	51,121
Academy's educational operations:				
Direct costs	962,565	-	44,151	1,006,716
Allocated support costs	228,772	123,583	102,960	455,314
	<u>1,191,337</u>	<u>123,583</u>	<u>198,231</u>	<u>1,513,151</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the period includes:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Amortisation	966	4,246
Depreciation	95,812	86,317
Fees payable to auditor - audit	<u>4,200</u>	<u>3,950</u>

7 Charitable Activities

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Direct costs – educational operations	1,102,641	1,006,716
Support costs – educational operations	<u>454,744</u>	<u>455,314</u>
	<u>1,557,385</u>	<u>1,462,030</u>

Analysis of support costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Support staff costs	-	248,074	248,074	228,772
Depreciation	-	96,778	96,778	90,563
Staff development	-	1,750	1,750	3,015
Technology costs	-	30,500	30,500	27,752
Premises costs	-	44,914	44,914	55,361
Other support costs	-	15,918	15,918	27,409
Governance costs	-	16,810	16,810	22,443
Total support costs	<u>-</u>	<u>454,744</u>	<u>454,744</u>	<u>455,314</u>

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8 Staff

a. Staff costs and employee benefits

Staff costs during the period were:

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	909,134	785,153
Social security costs	92,419	71,542
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	219,996	175,153
	<u>1,221,549</u>	<u>1,031,848</u>
Non-contracted staff	89,857	159,489
	<u>1,311,406</u>	<u>1,191,337</u>

The non-contracted staff costs above include:

Service costs for the teaching and support staff supplied by Brodetsky Primary School

b. Staff numbers

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

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Teachers	19	19
Administration and support	14	13
Management	1	1
	<u>34</u>	<u>33</u>

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-
£70,001 - £80,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The amounts of employee benefits (including employer pension costs and employer national insurance contributions) received by the key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £203,097 (2024: £168,988).

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9 Related Party Transactions - Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the academy trust. The executive head teacher and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of staff members under their contracts of employment. Two thirds of the executive head teacher's salary cost and benefits are recharged to Brodetsky Primary School.

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

	Salaries	Employer's pension costs
Mrs Charlotte Kelsey	£75,001 - £80,000 (2024: £55,001 - £60,000)	£20,001 - £25,000 (2024: £15,001 - £20,000)
Rabbi Jason Kleiman	£5,001 - £10,000 (2024: £5,001 - £10,000)	£nil - £5,000 (2024: £nil - £5,000)

During the year ended 31 August 2025, no expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2024: £nil).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 22.

10 Governors Insurance

The Governors Liability section of the RPA will indemnify Governors, members of the governing body or board of governors of the Academy; Employees of the Academy acting in a managerial capacity and any employee named as a co-defendant in a claim made against a Governor.

11 Intangible Fixed Assets

	Computer Software £
Cost	
At 1 September 2024	29,366
At 31 August 2025	<u>29,366</u>
Amortisation	
At 1 September 2024	28,400
Charged in year	966
At 31 August 2025	<u>29,366</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2025	-
At 31 August 2024	<u>966</u>

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Long leasehold buildings £	Furniture and fixtures £	Plant and equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2024	2,889,498	261,679	335,086	3,486,263
Additions	-	30,303	52,481	82,784
At 31 August 2025	<u>2,889,498</u>	<u>291,982</u>	<u>387,567</u>	<u>3,569,047</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2024	629,588	233,079	313,491	1,176,158
Charged in year	57,790	14,656	23,366	95,812
At 31 August 2025	<u>687,378</u>	<u>247,735</u>	<u>336,857</u>	<u>1,271,970</u>
Carrying amount				
At 31 August 2025	<u>2,202,120</u>	<u>44,247</u>	<u>50,710</u>	<u>2,297,077</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>2,259,910</u>	<u>28,600</u>	<u>21,595</u>	<u>2,310,105</u>

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13 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	74,496	46,612
VAT recoverable	46,192	27,613
Other debtors	-	14,112
Prepayments and accrued income	14,008	91,573
	<u>134,696</u>	<u>179,909</u>

14 Creditors: Amounts Falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	76,330	957
Taxation and social security	26,170	21,534
Other creditors	28,984	36,681
Accruals	152,947	140,900
	<u>284,431</u>	<u>200,073</u>

There was no deferred income at 31 August 2025 (2024: £nil).

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024	Income	Expenditure	Gains, losses and transfers	Balance at 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,019,362	(1,118,568)	99,206	-
Pupil Premium	-	34,335	(34,335)	-	-
Other grants	-	192,846	(192,846)	-	-
Other income	-	119,858	(119,858)	-	-
Pension reserve	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,366,401</u>	<u>(1,460,607)</u>	<u>94,206</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital expenditure from revenue	22,423	-	(25,155)	76,489	73,757
Capital expenditure from DfE/ESFA grants	2,288,648	6,295	(71,623)	-	2,223,320
	<u>2,311,071</u>	<u>6,295</u>	<u>(96,778)</u>	<u>76,489</u>	<u>2,297,077</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,311,071</u>	<u>1,372,696</u>	<u>(1,557,385)</u>	<u>170,695</u>	<u>2,297,077</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Donations	225,600	163,175	-	(169,239)	219,536
Other Income	-	45,415	(38,959)	(6,456)	-
Investment income	-	3,488	(3,488)	-	-
	<u>225,600</u>	<u>212,078</u>	<u>(42,447)</u>	<u>(175,695)</u>	<u>219,536</u>
Total funds	<u>2,536,672</u>	<u>1,584,774</u>	<u>(1,599,832)</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>2,516,614</u>

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15 Funds (continued)

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.

The other restricted general funds relate to grants and other income receivable from the DfE, ESFA and other sources towards the operating activities of the academy trust.

The restricted fixed asset funds represent the net book values of assets funded by capital grants or other income which are held for the continuing use of the academy trust together with unspent capital grants.

The transfer of £76,489 into the fixed asset fund represents fixed assets purchased using GAG and unrestricted funding.

The transfer of £175,695 out of unrestricted funds was to cover the shortfall within restricted funds.

Comparative information in respect of the preceeding year is as follows:

	Balance at 1 September 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gains, losses and transfers	Balance at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	988,719	(1,030,566)	41,847	-
Pupil Premium	-	28,386	(28,386)	-	-
Other grants	-	198,674	(198,674)	-	-
Other income	-	115,842	(115,842)	-	-
Pension reserve	6,000	-	2,000	(8,000)	-
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>1,331,620</u>	<u>(1,371,468)</u>	<u>33,847</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital expenditure from revenue	45,747	-	(29,622)	6,298	22,423
Capital expenditure from DfE/ESFA grants	2,343,286	6,303	(60,941)	-	2,288,648
	<u>2,389,033</u>	<u>6,303</u>	<u>(90,563)</u>	<u>6,298</u>	<u>2,311,071</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>2,395,033</u>	<u>1,337,924</u>	<u>(1,462,031)</u>	<u>40,145</u>	<u>2,311,071</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Donations	187,378	62,720	-	(24,497)	225,601
Other Income	16,374	54,948	(47,674)	(23,648)	-
Investment income	-	3,447	(3,447)	-	-
	<u>203,752</u>	<u>121,115</u>	<u>(51,121)</u>	<u>(48,145)</u>	<u>225,601</u>
Total funds	<u>2,598,785</u>	<u>1,459,038</u>	<u>(1,513,151)</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>2,536,672</u>

The transfer of £6,298 into the fixed asset fund represents fixed assets purchased using GAG funding.

The transfer of £48,145 out of unrestricted funds was to cover the shortfall within restricted funds.

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16 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 2025
	£	£	£	£
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,297,077	2,297,077
Current assets	219,537	284,431	-	503,968
Current liabilities	-	(284,431)	-	(284,431)
Pension scheme liability	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	219,537	-	2,297,077	2,516,614

Comparative information in respect of the preceeding year is as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	967	966
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,310,105	2,310,105
Current assets	225,601	200,073	-	425,674
Current liabilities	-	(200,073)	-	(200,073)
Pension scheme liability	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	225,601	-	2,311,071	2,536,672

17 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net expenditure	(15,058)	(54,112)
Capital grants from DfE (note 2)	(6,295)	(6,303)
Interest receivable (note 5)	(3,488)	(3,447)
Amortisation (note 11)	966	4,246
Depreciation charges (note 12)	95,812	86,317
FRS 17 Pension cost less contribution payable (note 21)	(2,000)	(1,000)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance income (note 21)	(3,000)	(1,000)
Increase/(decrease) in debtors	45,213	(96,919)
Increase in creditors	84,358	34,323
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	196,508	(37,896)

18 Analysis of changes in net debt

	1 Sep 2024 £	Cash flows £	31 Aug 2025 £
Cash	245,765	123,507	369,272
Total	245,765	123,507	369,272

19 Members' Liability

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

20 Operating leases

At 31 August 2025 the academy trust had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Other		
Amounts due within one year	8,040	8,040
Amounts due between one and five years	11,390	19,430
	19,430	27,470

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21 Pension and Similar Obligations

The academy trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff which is managed by West Yorkshire Pension Fund. Both are multi-employer defined benefit pension 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 £25,257 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2025 (2024: £21,346) 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 academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

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

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

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

The employers' pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £198,548 (2024: £152,528).

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 £37,000 (2024: £34,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £27,000 (2024: £25,000) and employees' contributions totalled £10,000 (2024: £9,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 16.7% for employers and between 5.5% and 12.5% for employees.

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

Principal Actuarial Assumptions

	At 31 August 2025	At 31 August 2024
Rate of increase in salaries	3.75%	3.75%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	6.10%	4.90%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.50%	2.50%

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21 Pension and Similar Obligations (continued)

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

	At 31 August 2025	At 31 August 2024
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	21.2	20.8
Females	24.2	24.0
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	22.1	21.7
Females	24.9	24.7

Sensitivity analysis

The approximate impact of changing the key assumptions on the present value of the funded defined benefit obligation as at 31 August 2025 is set below:

	At 31 August 2025	At 31 August 2024
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	315,000	299,000
Discount rate -0.1%	330,000	315,000
Rate of increase in salaries +0.1%	323,000	308,000
Rate of increase in salaries -0.1%	321,000	306,000
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation +0.1%	329,000	314,000
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation -0.1%	316,000	300,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	315,000	299,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	329,000	315,000

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

	Fair value at 31 August 2025	Fair value at 31 August 2024
	£	£
Equity instruments	359,000	269,000
Debt instruments	64,000	44,000
Property	12,000	9,000
Cash	8,000	9,000
Other	11,000	8,000
Total market value of assets	<u>454,000</u>	<u>339,000</u>
Present value of scheme liabilities		
-funded	(322,000)	(307,000)
Unrecognised asset	<u>(132,000)</u>	<u>(32,000)</u>
Deficit in scheme	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £79,000 (2024: £37,000).

In accordance with paragraph 28.22 of FRS102, the surplus has not been recognised as the recovery of the surplus cannot be reliably measured.

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current service cost	25,000	24,000
Net interest income	(1,000)	(1,000)
Total operating charge	<u>24,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>

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21 Pension and Similar Obligations (continued)

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 1 September	307,000	263,000
Current service cost	25,000	24,000
Interest expenses	15,000	13,000
Employee contributions	10,000	9,000
Actuarial gain	(34,000)	(1,000)
Benefits paid	(1,000)	(1,000)
At 31 August	<u>322,000</u>	<u>307,000</u>

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
At 1 September	339,000	269,000
Expected return	18,000	14,000
Employer contributions	27,000	25,000
Employee contributions	10,000	9,000
Actuarial gain	61,000	23,000
Benefits paid	(1,000)	(1,000)
At 31 August	<u>454,000</u>	<u>339,000</u>

22 Related Party Transactions

Owing to the nature of the academy trust's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trust has an interest. The following related party transactions took place in the period of account.

The school shares some facilities on the Henry Cohen Campus with Brodetsky Primary School and The Zone (a community facility for local residents). To take advantage of scale economies and to avoid duplication the parties on the campus share and provide services to each other, services are recharged to the related parties on a strict principle of recovering cost and on a 'not for profit' and 'open-book' basis. Wherever possible the value of the recharge is calculated by reference to identifiable sources i.e. utility meters, payroll reports etc. Where costs are apportioned because a shared cost cannot be directly allocated to the party the recharge calculation methodology is based on a reasonable basis related to the party's use of the resource. The method of allocating costs are documented and agreed by all the parties.

Trustees of Leeds Jewish Free School also serve as Trustees at Brodetsky Primary School and are directors of Brodetsky School Limited. As at Leeds Jewish Free School, no Trustees or directors at Brodetsky Primary School and Brodetsky School Limited receive any remuneration for their duties at these organisations.

Table of joint control

Trustee Leeds Jewish Free School	Governor Brodetsky Primary School	Trustee Brodetsky Schools Limited	Brodetsky Jewish Primary School Foundation Trust
Clr Dan Cohen	✓	✓	✓
Henry Cohen		✓	✓
Rabbi Reuven Cohen			
Rabbi Jason Kleiman	*		✓
Jason Broch	✓	✓	✓

*Rabbi Jason Klieman Resigned 31 December 2024

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22 Related Party Transactions (continued)

The following transactions and balances arose with Brodetsky Primary School:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Shared facility costs	122,076	177,199
Shared facility income	122,363	115,842
Trade debtor	68,131	43,568
Trade creditor	61,637	-
Accruals	145,011	132,610

The following donations were received from Trustees:

Cllr Dan Cohen	3,000	800
Mrs Lisa Baker	1,500	-

The land on which the Leeds Jewish Free School is situated is leased from the Brodetsky Jewish Primary School Foundation Trust on a peppercorn rent.