

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 07563439 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1141147**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019  
FOR  
ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

**Deans  
Chartered accountants  
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## **ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2019.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Public Benefit**

The Governors have complied with their duty in the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Commission and are ever mindful of the need to provide public benefit and to this end set its fees as low as possible to meet the funding requirements of operating the School. Term fees for the 2018/19 academic year were as follows:

Pre School	£2,520
Reception	£3,035
Preparatory School (Primary 1 to 6)	£3,374
Senior school	£3,702

The School actively publicises its use of bursaries as a way of ensuring children who otherwise would not be in a position to attend the School can do so, with 8% of gross fees currently applied to means tested bursaries. It is inherent in the School's ethos that an individual's economic status, gender, ethnicity, race, religion or disability do not form part of the selection procedures. We are an equal opportunity organisation and are committed to a working environment that is free from any form of discrimination on the grounds of colour, race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation or disability. We will make reasonable adjustments to meet the needs of staff or pupils who are or become disabled.

Considerable investment has been made during the period with the extension of the car park that is open for community use during non-school hours. The school usually makes its sporting and drama facilities available to local clubs for hire, unfortunately during this period they had to postpone the lettings due to the building work being carried out on site. The letting of the facilities to the community will recommence once the improvements to the site are complete. Its pupils also participate in a wide range of activities that benefit the local community.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

**Strategic framework**

The Governors have adopted a "five elements" approach to drive the School forward. It is felt that this framework focuses the strategic development of the School and allows all stakeholders to better understand how the Governors are looking to develop the School.

- Excellent education
- Upgraded facilities
- Unique experiences
- Community engagement
- Target class sizes (15-20)

**(A) Excellent Education**

Examination headlines for 2018/19 are as follows:

- 93% of our students gained a Grade 4 or above in English & Maths GCSE and 80% achieved Grade 5 or above, ranking us second in Staffordshire. This also puts us well above the national average of 60% for Grade 4 and above and 40% Grade 5.
- 81% of pupils met or exceeding their target grade
- 100% pass rate in Art, French, Geography, History, RE
- Above the national figures in all subjects (Grade 4 and above)

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>NATIONAL (%)</b>	<b>SCHOOL (%)</b>
Art	75	100
Business	66	80
English	62	93
French	70	100
Geography	65	100
History	64	100
Maths	60	93
RE	72	100
Spanish	71	89

**(B) Upgraded facilities**

The focus of the Governors on upgrading the facilities is threefold:

- i) Consolidation of site onto one, secure site
- ii) Removal of temporary classrooms and construction of purpose built and designed rooms
- iii) Refurbishment and enhancement of all other school facilities.

Considerable investment has been made during the period.

**New School House** - This facility now accommodates the school's admin staff along with Mrs Harrison our Headteacher and our Deputy Headteacher Mrs Hesp. Areas have also been designated to accommodate the library, after-school homework club, senior staff room, and sickbay.

**Car Park** - The extension to our existing visitors' car park was completed. A new exit has been added and the car park has doubled in size to facilitate staff, visitors, and parents and ease the flow of traffic at busy times of the school day.



## **ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

A £3.4 million purpose built senior building is under construction. This building will house 18 classrooms including a Performing arts and dance studio, Art and kiln room, 3 science labs and an IT lab.

All rooms will have updated IT equipment, promethean boards and printers.

A Multi Use Games Area will be built to support sport and recreation for our pupils.

##### **(C) Unique experiences**

Providing the children at St. Dominic's with unique experiences of school life that are memorable, rewarding and life enhancing is an area that the directors are keen to expand. This includes school trips, dignitaries visiting the School and participation in Duke of Edinburgh awards schemes.

##### **(D) Community engagement**

We work with Stone Town Council in areas such as Remembrance Day, Stone Festivals, Stone in Bloom and the like. Ensuring that the School is actively engaged with the local community is something the Directors believe is beneficial for all. School facilities are used and made available to local community groups. Pupils from the School undertake many local trips, which broadens their education and their local understanding.

##### **(E) Pupil numbers/class size**

The Governors have established a medium-term goal of 200 pupils for the School and a long-term goal of 250 pupils. This number of pupils is consistent with class sizes of 15-20 pupils.

Pupil numbers over the course of the 2018-19 academic year is as below:

<b>Term</b>	<b>Pupil numbers for 2018-19</b>
<b>Autumn</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Spring</b>	<b>161</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>162</b>

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The School has generated a surplus of £1,508,435 in the period and has secured financial support in the form of donations for the coming year that support the planned New Build program.

Based on the Schools projections, which include donations received since the year end, there are sufficient funds available to support the school's operations for the foreseeable future. Throughout academic year 2018/19 donations equating to £2.1 million were received by the School.

##### **Fund policies**

The School has funds of £3,720,385 which will be used to finance the school new build programme. The aim of the school is to build up sufficient reserves so that the school can operate without the requirement of the support of donations and will continue to make investment in the school facilities.

## **ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The School continues to recognise the financial pressures facing parents and proactively seeks ways in which cost savings or additional funding can be achieved, so that fees can be kept as low as possible whilst still maintaining the high standards that the School expects in all areas of its operation. Significant improvement works have been made to the site and these improvements will continue to ensure that repairs and preventative maintenance are carried out in a logical and timely manner.

The school has seen a significant increase in pupil numbers over the last few years due to the demand for high-level education being sought in the area. To accommodate this increase the school is now in the fortunate position of offering a two-form entry approach in its senior school. With year 7 commencing the two form entry model this year and this will continue year on year.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing Document**

St Dominic's Priory School (Stone), a Company Limited by Guarantee No 7563439, is also a Charity, Registered No 1141147, and was incorporated on 14 March 2011. On 26 May 2011 it took over certain assets and liabilities relating to St Dominic's Priory School from the English Dominican Congregation. The School is governed by its Articles of Association.

##### **Principal Activities**

The Articles of Association under which St Dominic's Priory School (Stone) is established sets as its objective "the advancement of education in the Roman Catholic tradition by the conduct of an independent school or schools and in particular to operate St Dominic's Priory School, Stone, Staffordshire and by ancillary religious and educational activities for the benefit of the community at large".

The Company operates St Dominic's Priory School in Stone, Staffordshire. The school is presently a day school.

The day school consists of Preparatory school for children between the ages of 3 years and 11 years, and a senior school for children between the ages of 11 years and 16 years.

##### **Organisational structure**

Day to day running of the School is delegated to the Headteacher and the Senior Leadership Team who operate within policies set by the Governing Body. Before consideration by the full Governing Body matters are normally discussed by specialist sub-committees, which comprise:

- Finance
- Facilities
- Education
- Business and development
- Catholic Life

##### **Governors Appointment and Training**

The Governors constantly review the balance of professional experience and strengths within the Governing Body. The Governing Body includes Governors specifically identified for their experience and capability in the fields of business management, finance, and education.

All prospective External Governor appointees are agreed by the Full Governing Body prior to appointment and on appointment undergo an induction programme. Parent Governors are appointed by the parents of pupils at the School. Governor training is provided on an 'as required' basis.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Registered Company number  
07563439 (England and Wales)

**ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number  
1141147**

**Registered office  
21 Station Road  
Stone  
Staffordshire  
ST15 8EN**

**Trustees  
Board of Governors 2018-2019  
Trustees**

**All Governors are also Directors and Charity Trustees of St Dominic's Priory School (the "Company" or the "School") and the following served during the period:**

**Parent Governors  
Martyn Melvyn Corfield  
Vicky Titley  
Martin Ware**

**External Governors  
Mark Christopher Burton - Chair  
Martin Richard Melling  
Georgina Brian  
Karen Champ - Vice Chair  
Peter Thorpe**

**Executive Officers  
Samantha Bowman (Finance Manager)  
Rebecca Harrison (Headteacher)**

**Auditors  
Deans  
Chartered accountants  
Statutory auditor  
Gibson House  
Hurricane Court  
Hurricane Close  
Stafford  
ST16 1GZ**

**Bankers  
Barclays Bank  
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Stoke-on-Trent  
ST4 4RJ**

**ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of St. Dominic's Priory School (Stone) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Deans, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... 24/4/20 ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....  
M C Burton - Trustee



**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF  
ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of St. Dominic's Priory School (Stone) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, except for the possible effects on the corresponding figures of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 August 2019 and of its profit 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.

**Basis for qualified opinion**

During the year ended 31 August 2018 the school closed its nursery provision and was in the process of relocating to new premises. As part of this upheaval it was unable to locate a box of nursery paper records which would enable us to perform our audit testing for completeness of nursery income. We were unable to satisfy ourselves using alternative audit procedures over the completeness of nursery income received in the year to 31 August 2018, which is included in the Statement of Financial Activities at £171,118. As the records are still missing, we were unable to determine whether any adjustment to this corresponding amount is necessary. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2018 was modified accordingly. Our opinion on the current year's financial statements is also modified because of the possible effect of this matter on the comparability of the current year's figures and the corresponding figure.

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 Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or**
- **the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or**
- **certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or**
- **we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or**
- **the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.**

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

**As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.**

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

### **Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.**

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

### **Use of our report**

**This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF  
ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

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**Jeremy Hodgkiss (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Deans  
Chartered accountants  
Statutory auditor  
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**Date:** 28 April 2020



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	2,128,858	6,660	2,135,518	2,163,939
Charitable activities	5				
School fees receivable		1,471,437	-	1,471,437	1,406,794
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	18,593
Investment income	4	4,585	-	4,585	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,604,880</b>	<b>6,660</b>	<b>3,611,540</b>	<b>3,589,326</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		3,203	-	3,203	2,221
Charitable activities	6				
School operating costs		2,085,442	14,660	2,100,102	1,988,531
Other		(200)	-	(200)	1,100
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,088,445</b>	<b>14,660</b>	<b>2,103,105</b>	<b>1,991,852</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>1,516,435</b>	<b>(8,000)</b>	<b>1,508,435</b>	<b>1,597,474</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		2,161,236	50,714	2,211,950	614,476
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>3,677,671</b>	<b>42,714</b>	<b>3,720,385</b>	<b>2,211,950</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AT 31 AUGUST 2019**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	12	3,368,350	10,920	3,379,270	489,664
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	13	2,459	-	2,459	1,927
Debtors	14	158,124	-	158,124	541,503
Cash at bank		889,519	31,794	921,313	1,600,358
		<u>1,050,102</u>	<u>31,794</u>	<u>1,081,896</u>	<u>2,143,788</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(641,680)	-	(641,680)	(302,142)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>408,422</u>	<u>31,794</u>	<u>440,216</u>	<u>1,841,646</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>3,776,772</u>	<u>42,714</u>	<u>3,819,486</u>	<u>2,331,310</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(99,101)	-	(99,101)	(119,360)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>3,677,671</u></u>	<u><u>42,714</u></u>	<u><u>3,720,385</u></u>	<u><u>2,211,950</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	18				
Unrestricted funds				3,677,671	2,161,236
Restricted funds				42,714	50,714
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>3,720,385</u></u>	<u><u>2,211,950</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on .....24/4/20..... and were signed on its behalf by:



M C Burton -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)****CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	2,383,679	1,317,472
Interest paid		(3,203)	(2,221)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>2,380,476</b>	<b>1,315,251</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(3,034,638)	(303,246)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		200	270
Interest received		4,585	-
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		<b>(3,029,853)</b>	<b>(302,976)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>			
Loan repayments in year		(29,668)	(22,251)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities</b>		<b>(29,668)</b>	<b>(22,251)</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<b>(679,045)</b>	<b>990,024</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<b>1,600,358</b>	<b>610,334</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<b>921,313</b>	<b>1,600,358</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

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**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)</b>	<b>1,508,435</b>	<b>1,597,474</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
<b>Depreciation charges</b>	<b>96,252</b>	<b>108,620</b>
<b>(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets</b>	<b>(200)</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>Interest received</b>	<b>(4,585)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Interest paid</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>2,221</b>
<b>Impairment</b>	<b>48,780</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>(Increase)/decrease in stocks</b>	<b>(532)</b>	<b>1,994</b>
<b>Decrease/(increase) in debtors</b>	<b>383,379</b>	<b>(379,250)</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in creditors</b>	<b>348,947</b>	<b>(14,687)</b>
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<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>2,383,679</b>	<b>1,317,472</b>
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charitable company and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The School currently has committed financial support in the form of donations and prepaid fees to enable it to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from a withdrawal of this financial support.

**Income**

**Donations and legacies**

Voluntary incoming resources are accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the School is considered probable.

Voluntary income for the School's general purposes is accounted for as unrestricted and is credited to the General Reserve. Where the donor or an appeal has imposed trust law restrictions, voluntary income is credited to the relevant restricted fund and income endowments are accounted for as permanent trust capital or expendable trust capital, according to whether the donor intends retention to be permanent or not. Gifts in kind are valued at estimated open market value at the date of the gift, in cases of assets for retention or consumption, or at the value to the School in the case of donated services or facilities.

**School fees and similar income receivable**

Fees receivable and charges for services and use of the premises, less any allowances, scholarships, and bursaries granted by the School against those fees, are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees receivable in advance for education to be provided in future years are carried forward as deferred income.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.



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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets retained for use by the School at rates calculated to spread each asset's cost, less its estimated residual value, evenly over its expected useful economic life, which for each class of asset is initially assessed as averaging:

**Furniture and Equipment - 5 to 20 years**

Items costing less than £250 are written off as an expense as acquired.

**Stocks**

Stocks consist of catering supplies and stationery and are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

**Operating leasing**

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

**Pension**

The school participates in a multi employer pension scheme, the Government's Teachers Pension Defined Benefits Scheme, for its teaching staff. The pension liability is the responsibility of the Teachers Pension Scheme. As a result it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme attributable to the school. Accordingly, under FRS17 the scheme is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme.

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the school during the period in accordance with FRS17.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	2019	2018
	£	£
Grants and donations	<u>2,135,518</u>	<u>2,163,939</u>

**ST. DOMINIC'S PRIORY SCHOOL (STONE)****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019****3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	2019 £	2018 £
Rents and lettings	-	18,593

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2019 £	2018 £
Deposit account interest	4,585	-

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		2019 £	2018 £
Gross school fees	School fees receivable	1,695,637	1,668,034
Bursaries	School fees receivable	(147,286)	(185,491)
Sibling allowances	School fees receivable	(48,342)	(44,999)
Scholarships	School fees receivable	(28,572)	(30,750)
		<u>1,471,437</u>	<u>1,406,794</u>



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## 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Staff costs	Other	Depreciation / Impairment	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
School operating costs				
Teaching costs	1,028,372	48,495	-	1,076,867
Welfare costs	-	155,343	-	155,343
Premises costs	133,284	172,047	145,032	450,363
Schooling support costs	132,012	242,149	-	374,161
Governance costs	31,610	11,758	-	43,368
	<u>1,325,278</u>	<u>629,792</u>	<u>145,032</u>	<u>2,100,102</u>

	Staff costs	Other	Depreciation	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£
School operating costs				
Teaching costs	1,017,422	45,525	-	1,062,947
Welfare costs	-	134,067	-	134,067
Premises costs	126,083	168,171	108,620	402,874
Schooling support costs	129,065	214,641	-	343,706
Governance costs	31,500	13,437	-	44,937
	<u>1,304,070</u>	<u>575,841</u>	<u>108,620</u>	<u>1,988,531</u>

## 7. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
School operating costs	<u>43,368</u>

## 8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2019 £	2018 £
Auditors' remuneration	9,600	8,960
Depreciation - owned assets	96,252	108,618
(Surplus)\deficit on disposal of fixed asset	(200)	1,100
Impairment	<u>48,780</u>	<u>-</u>

**9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2019 nor for the year ended 31 August 2018.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2019 nor for the year ended 31 August 2018.

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## 10. STAFF COSTS

	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	1,116,351	1,089,623
Social security costs	85,750	81,405
Pension costs	123,177	108,503
Redundancy costs	-	24,539
	<u>1,325,278</u>	<u>1,304,070</u>

	2019 £	2018 £
Aggregate employee benefits of key management personal	<u>219,568</u>	<u>209,557</u>

Number of higher paid employees in bands of: £70,001 to £80,000	1	1
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The average number of persons in the year:

	2019 Number	2018 Number
Teaching staff	26	26
Administration	7	8
Support staff	29	36
	<u>62</u>	<u>70</u>

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £118,393 (2018: £105,601).

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared at 31 March 2016 and the valuation report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS of 16.4% would increase to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargent case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teacher's Pensions.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**10. STAFF COSTS**

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that the transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards.

In view of the above rulings and decision the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

Until a remedy to the discrimination conclusion has been determined by the Employment Tribunal it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

The School has auto-enrolled its non-teaching staff into the NEST pension scheme which is a defined contributions scheme. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to NEST of £4,783 (2018: £2,902).

**11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	2,126,048	37,891	2,163,939
Charitable activities			
School fees receivable	1,406,794	-	1,406,794
Other trading activities	18,593	-	18,593
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,551,435</b>	<b>37,891</b>	<b>3,589,326</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	2,221	-	2,221
Charitable activities			
School operating costs	1,975,110	13,421	1,988,531
Other	1,100	-	1,100
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,978,431</b>	<b>13,421</b>	<b>1,991,852</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>1,573,004</b>	<b>24,470</b>	<b>1,597,474</b>

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## 11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	588,232	26,244	614,476
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>2,161,236</b>	<b>50,714</b>	<b>2,211,950</b>

## 12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Assets under the course of construction £	Non - educational equipment £	Educational books equipment and furniture £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2018	140,822	302,442	467,347	910,611
Additions	2,932,984	93,652	8,002	3,034,638
Disposals	-	-	(44,324)	(44,324)
At 31 August 2019	3,073,806	396,094	431,025	3,900,925
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2018	-	121,828	299,119	420,947
Charge for year	-	38,409	57,843	96,252
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(44,324)	(44,324)
Impairments	-	13,163	35,617	48,780
At 31 August 2019	-	173,400	348,255	521,655
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2019	3,073,806	222,694	82,770	3,379,270
At 31 August 2018	140,822	180,614	168,228	489,664

## 13. STOCKS

	2019 £	2018 £
Catering supplies	2,459	1,927

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## 14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade debtors	38,386	57,170
Other debtors	328	425,328
Prepayments	119,410	59,005
	<u>158,124</u>	<u>541,503</u>

## 15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2019	2018
	£	£
Other loans (see note 17)	22,251	22,251
Trade creditors	102,168	69,435
Other creditors	2,813	33,261
Deferred income	120,020	107,895
Accrued expenses	394,428	69,300
	<u>641,680</u>	<u>302,142</u>

## Deferred Income

	Under 1 year	Over 1 year	Total
	£	£	£
As at 31.08.2018	107,895	9,130	117,025
Additions during the year	79,405	-	79,405
Released during the year	(67,280)	(4,891)	(72,171)
As at 31.08.2019	<u>120,020</u>	<u>4,239</u>	<u>124,259</u>

Income has been deferred for school fees received in advance and will be provided in future years as stated in the income accounting policy.

## 16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2019	2018
	£	£
Other loans (see note 17)	7,412	37,080
Trade creditors	87,450	73,150
Accruals and deferred income	4,239	9,130
	<u>99,101</u>	<u>119,360</u>



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The School has a loan with the Congregation for £111,250 with a 10 year term. This loan bears interest at 2% above the Official Bank Rate as determined by the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England. There are termly capital repayments of £7,417.

**17. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand: Other loans	<u>22,251</u>	<u>22,251</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years: Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>7,412</u>	<u>22,251</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years: Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>-</u>	<u>14,829</u>

**18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	2,161,236	1,516,435	3,677,671
Restricted funds General	50,714	(8,000)	42,714
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,211,950</u>	<u>1,508,435</u>	<u>3,720,385</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	3,604,880	(2,088,445)	1,516,435
Restricted funds General	6,660	(14,660)	(8,000)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,611,540</u>	<u>(2,103,105)</u>	<u>1,508,435</u>



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## 18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

## Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.18 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	588,232	1,573,004	2,161,236
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
General	26,244	24,470	50,714
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>614,476</u>	<u>1,597,474</u>	<u>2,211,950</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	3,551,435	(1,978,431)	1,573,004
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
General	37,891	(13,421)	24,470
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,589,326</u>	<u>(1,991,852)</u>	<u>1,597,474</u>

The school raises funds for small projects, any donations received for these are ear marked for these projects. Accordingly these have been treated in aggregate as restricted funds.

## 19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2019 £	2018 £
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	<u>621,396</u>	<u>-</u>

## 20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the charity made purchases of £71,737 (2018: £78,482) from Wave 9 Managed Services Limited, a company in which Trustee, Mark Burton is a director and a shareholder. At the year end, the charity owed the company £14,405 (2018: £14,031).

All transactions took place on a normal commercial basis.

**21. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

**No one individual controls the charity.**

**22. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

**Total financial commitments, guarantees and contingencies which are not included in the balance sheet amount to £304,806 (2018 £325,936)**