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Charity number: 309100

LUDGROVE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Directors

C L Butterworth, Chairman
N R Brooks (resigned on 17 June 2024)
R N T Cormack
R M den Besten
L C L Fitzwilliams
J E Floyd (appointed on 7 February 2025)
A B Henshilwood
A J Hinchliff
B J Holden (resigned on 11 March 2024)
V J Morphet
C E R Scott-Malden (appointed on 17 June 2024)
M A Smyth-Osbourne
D D Vigors

Company secretary

M E Brittain

Company registered number

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Registered office

Ludgrove School
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The directors present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024. The financial statements consolidate the results of the School and Ludgrove School Foundation Limited.

Legal and administrative details

The School is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1967, registered number 01053039, and a registered charity, number 309100. The Company was incorporated on 4 May 1972 and its governing document is the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Directors

The directors, who are also governors and trustees, of the School at 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of these financial statements were:

C L Butterworth, Chairman
N R Brooks (resigned on 17 June 2024)
R N T Cormack
R M den Besten
L C L Fitzwilliams
J E Floyd (appointed on 7 February 2025)
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R M den Besten and L C L Fitzwilliams have boys who attended the School during the year. Fees were paid on normal commercial terms.

There are no trustees other than the directors. Meetings of the full board of directors were held three times during the year, virtually in the summer term. As well as these meetings, there is frequent communication between the directors and there are sub-committee meetings with appropriate professional advisors in attendance. Regular contact is maintained with the headmaster between full board meetings. Details of new legislation, new regulations and news of other significant developments which will affect the School, together with appropriate training material, are sent to the directors as they arise.

The Board is responsible for identifying, recruiting and appointing new directors. New directors are inducted by individual board members, the headmaster and company secretary. The day to day running of the School is delegated to the headmaster, S W T Barber and deputy headmasters, J G Pinchin-Hughes and T B Wilson.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC REPORT) CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Objectives and activities

The principal aim and activity of the Company continues to be the provision and promotion of a first class education. Ludgrove seeks to be a school where boys can grow and develop in a happy, caring environment, learn an awareness and concern for others around them and achieve their full potential, at the same time as providing facilities, employment and resources for the local community of Wokingham. The Company's strategies for achieving its aims include the recruitment, employment and training of a high quality, caring and professional workforce; the maintenance of a high standard of academic, moral and personal education; the maintenance, continual improvement and, when necessary, the addition of facilities at the School; and making available and seeking opportunities for the use of the School's grounds and facilities by other schools, clubs and other organisations in the local community.

The School had 188 (2023: 189) pupils on the register at the year end and has had a successful year with academic, sporting and cultural achievements as strong as ever.

Achievements and performance

As always we remain unashamedly ambitious for our boys in whatever they do, particularly on the academic front and it is a fact that every year, with a non-selective intake in Year 4, our boys achieve incredible academic success. We were delighted that all the top year boys gained entry to nine distinguished schools, including twenty to Eton, seven to Radley, six to Winchester, three to Harrow, two each to Ampleforth, Marlborough and Sherborne, and one each to Cheltenham, Sevenoaks, Thomas's and Tonbridge.

When one thinks of a curriculum it is very easy to focus on the academic side of things. However, life outside the classroom is just as much a part of a child's education and sporting activity, cultural, musical and artistic studies continue to be an important part of life at the school. Team games of football and rugby were played against other schools at all ages and at all levels of ability. Additional matches were arranged in hockey, tennis, squash, fives, swimming, golf, chess, general knowledge, judo and athletics. Music and drama continue to play an important role in school life and all the boys take part in public speaking and poetry reciting events as well as in debates. The theatre continues to provide a wonderful space for the performing arts and it has without doubt enhanced the confidence and character of the boys. It is also a venue which attracts high quality speakers and the lectures enjoyed this year have significantly enriched us all.

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Public Benefit

Ludgrove strives to fulfil its charitable objects to promote and provide for the advancement of education for the benefit of both its pupils and the wider community. The Governors, as charity trustees, have a duty to report in their Annual Report on the public benefit provided by the school.

The Governors have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on running a charity and charging for services, and have concluded:

1. That there are clearly identifiable benefits from the School's work which relate directly to its aims as set out above;
2. There is no significant detriment flowing directly from the School's work which we consider needs to be balanced against those benefits;
3. That the benefits which the school provides are widely available. A bursary policy has been established and funds put aside to provide a genuine opportunity for those who cannot afford the School's fees to benefit from it.

Bursary policy

The School has a subsidiary charitable foundation to raise money to be available for the funding and advertising of scholarships and bursaries to be offered by the School. Until the foundation has raised sufficient funds to be able to provide such funding, the School makes a budgetary provision of an appropriate and affordable proportion of gross fee income to be applied to means tested bursaries (ranging up to 100% remission of fees). This bursary funding is available for all prospective and existing pupils including those in receipt of Continuity of Education Allowance and those supported by the Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation. Ludgrove is proud to be a RNCSF approved school. A bursary policy is in operation and is available to be viewed on the School's website. In addition, the School has arrangements in place with certain public schools for the identification of potential bursary candidates.

Ancillary or incidental educational and other associated activities

Locally Ludgrove does not exist in isolation and is part of the wider community. It offers educational support to members of the public on different levels, employs many local people and wherever possible supports local suppliers and businesses. During the year the school facilities were used on numerous occasions for the educational benefit of teachers and pupils from other schools. It is our intention to build on existing relationships to forge stronger links with local community schools, in particular:

- Following the success of the partnership with the Grub Club, a local organisation set up to feed children in receipt of free school meals during the school holidays, we were pleased to be able to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for weekly food parcels delivered during the school holidays
- Ludgrove has entered into a partnership with a cluster of six local state schools and employs a part-time administrator who is responsible for identifying and implementing opportunities for collaborative working with those schools. In addition, Ludgrove provides a budget to allow the organisation of a range of curriculum enrichment events, ranging from large scale events reaching 1,000 + students to targeted activities designed to focus on small groups with specific needs.

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- Ludgrove has established a Community Education Support Fund to make grants available to local schools. The Fund is currently providing financial support for music, literacy and mental health projects.
- There is a dedicated sub-committee of Governors, the Social Impact Committee, which oversees and promotes these partnerships and grants.

In addition to the above, the minibuses, swimming pool and sports hall are all used by the wider community.

Three members of staff are currently serving on the governing bodies of local state schools.

The School will continue to further foster links with the local community and Local Authority funded schools focusing on the provision of access to the School's facilities and opportunities to share expertise in academic, cultural and sporting activities as well as regularly reviewing how it can best deliver its charitable objectives.

Fundraising

All fundraising activities for the School are carried out by our staff with assistance from parents for specific fundraising events. The School does not use professional fundraisers. All fundraising activities are managed by the School and monitored by the directors. The School's subsidiary charity, The Ludgrove School Foundation, carries out fundraising activity for the Group and during the year raised £276,608 (2023: £119,817) in donations.

No complaints relating to fundraising activities have been received by the School during this financial year. The School does not currently subscribe to any specific fundraising standards or schemes but considers that it has set appropriate standards for the operations and management of its fundraising activities. In particular the School considers that its processes and controls should ensure that vulnerable people and other members of the public are protected from any unreasonable intrusion.

Reserves policy

The Group's reserves of £16,335,859 (2023: £15,095,533) are held to enable the School to meet its objectives. The unrestricted reserves are substantially represented by fixed assets enabling the School to provide its services. The Group also had £90,765 (2023: £33,442) in restricted funds at the beginning of the year. Restricted funds at the end of the year were £240,345.

The designated funds are made up of the strategic reserve, long term investment reserve and special projects reserve. These funds are held to ensure the School has enough funds for unforeseen circumstances and capital projects around the school. Please see additional detail on page 33. There is currently no known date for the expected expenditure of these funds.

Investment policy

Some of the Company's investments are held as cash with remainder being held in an investment portfolio. This cash and the Company's unrestricted funds are held by two different banks and the portfolio is managed by Cazenove Capital.

Market value of land and buildings

The directors do not consider it possible to quantify the difference between the net book value and the market value of the Group's fixed assets without a professional valuation.

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Guarantee

Each of the directors has guaranteed to contribute to the assets of the Company a sum of £1 in the event of a deficiency on winding up.

Voluntary help

During the year various individuals gave their time in supporting the School's activities. The value of this substantial support cannot be readily quantified and has not been included in the financial statements.

Financial Review

The surplus for the year amounted to £850,326 (2023: £87,492). This surplus is before actuarial gains and losses on the defined benefit pension scheme. The actuarial gain for 2024 was £390,000 (2023: £657,000) and the net increase in funds totals £1,240,326 (2023: £744,492). At the year end, the Group had retained reserves of £16,335,859 (2023: £15,095,533) of which £9,453,128 (2023: £9,701,112) relates to tangible fixed assets in the school and £1,955,000 (2023: £1,489,000) relates to pension assets. The balance of these funds is to be used in financing current and future developments. During the year there was capital expenditure of £59,489 (2023: £45,924).

The principal key financial performance indicators monitored by the governors are number of boys in the school. At the year end the number of boys in the school was 188 (2023: 189); the directors consider this to be satisfactory.

The directors are satisfied with the performance of the group's investment portfolio, which increased in value from £2,266,502 at 31 August 2023 to £2,573,509 at the year end.

The Ludgrove School Foundation

The Ludgrove School Foundation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ludgrove School Trust Limited and a registered charity with the objects of the advancement of education, in particular by the support and promotion of Ludgrove School, had a surplus for the year of £228,968, after making a grant of £13,320 to the School (2023: surplus of £55,203 after a grant of £12,360) and is consolidated in these accounts.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The remuneration of staff is set by the board with the objective of providing appropriate incentives to encourage first class performance and of rewarding members of staff fairly for their contributions to the success of the School. Delivery of the School's charitable vision and purpose is primarily dependent on our key management personnel and staff costs are the largest single component of the School's charitable expenditure.

Staff remuneration is reviewed annually, with benchmarking exercises against other comparable independent schools carried out as appropriate to ensure the School remains aware of the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere.

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Plans for future periods

The School is undertaking an estate master-planning exercise to ensure that the physical development of the school site over the next 10+ years is aligned with the strategic development objectives of the School. Post year end the School has registered for VAT in order to comply with the change in VAT regulation which requires fees for education to incur VAT at 20%. The School will apply VAT to fees as from 1 January 2025.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The board has assessed the major risks to which the School is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the School and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The directors' risk assessment process has identified those risks standard in owning and operating any private school. These include inter alia financial/fiscal, operational, legal/regulatory, strategic, and reputational risks.

These are regularly and carefully monitored by the directors and appropriate risk management measures implemented.

The Company keeps a risk register, to which newly identified risks are added as and when they are noted. Consideration is given to appropriate mitigation of all risks identified. The whole register is reviewed annually by the directors.

The principal risks to the school arise as a result of the importance of maintaining its outstanding reputation. This ensures that that school is able to attract sufficient boys and to recruit and retain the highest quality staff. This is of paramount importance to the directors who closely monitor all the factors that influence these areas to ensure that any risk to the school is minimal. The high level of demand for places and the school's excellent track record of supporting boys with gaining places at their first choice of public school are testament to their success in managing these risks.

Change in accounting policy

During the year, the School conducted a review of its accounting policies and subsequently revised its policy for the recognition of trade debtors. Previously, trade debtors related to termly fees were not recognised until the commencement of the relevant term. Under the revised policy, trade debtors are now recognised at the point at which the invoice is raised and there is an unconditional right to receive payment. Management believes that this change provides more reliable and relevant information regarding the School's financial position. The impact of this change has been applied retrospectively and detail is provided in note 24.

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Provision of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditors are unaware; and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the Charitable Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the Charitable Company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report, incorporating the Group Strategic Report, was approved by the directors on **22/05/2025** and signed on their behalf by:



Charles Butterworth (May 22, 2025 16:15 GMT+1)

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C L Butterworth
Chairman

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Trustees' Responsibilities Statement

The trustees (who are also directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

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 the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group 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;
- 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 group 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 group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF LUDGROVE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ludgrove School Trust Limited (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiary (the 'group') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Company Statement of Financial Position, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of the group's 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.

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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 group and parent charitable company'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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF LUDGROVE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (continued)

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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' Annual Report, which includes the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Annual Report have 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 group and the parent charitable company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Annual 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 and sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 10, the trustees (who are directors of the parent 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF LUDGROVE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent 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 group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under the Companies Act 2006 and under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011, and report in accordance with those Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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:

We obtained a general understanding of the Group's and the Parent Charitable Company's legal and regulatory framework through enquiry of management concerning: their understanding of relevant laws and regulations; the entities' policies and procedures regarding compliance; and how they identify, evaluate and account for litigation claims. We also drew on our existing understanding of the Group's and the Parent Charitable Company's industry and regulation.

We understand that the Group and the Parent Charitable Company comply with the framework through:

- Outsourcing financial statement preparation and tax compliance to external experts;
- Updating operating procedures, manuals and internal controls as legal and regulatory requirements change; and
- Management's oversight through regular meetings and compliance reporting.

In the context of the audit, we considered those laws and regulations which determine the form and content of the financial statements, which are central to the Group's and the Parent Charitable Company's ability to conduct its business, and where there is a risk that failure to comply could result in material penalties. We identified the following laws and regulations as being of significance in the context of the Group's and the Parent Charitable Company's activities:

- The Companies Act 2006 and FRS 102 in respect of the preparation and presentation of the financial statements; and
- The Charities Act 2011.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND TRUSTEES OF LUDGROVE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (continued)

Based on our understanding we performed the following specific procedures to gain evidence about compliance with the significant laws and regulations above:

- We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- Making enquiries of management and those charged with governance to understand their awareness of any non-compliance of laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance to identify any instances of non-compliance.

The senior statutory auditor led a discussion with all members of the engagement team regarding the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. The areas identified in this discussion were:

- Manipulation of the financial statements via fraudulent journal entries
- Misstatement of deferred income

The procedures we carried out to gain evidence in the above areas included:

- Testing a sample of journal entries, selected through applying specific risk assessments based on the group's processes and controls surrounding manual journal entries
- Testing deferred income for completeness and accuracy

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the parent 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 parent charitable company's members and trustees, 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 parent charitable company, and the parent charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

S&W Partners Audit Limited

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Julie Mutton

Senior Statutory Auditor, for and on behalf of **S&W Partners Audit Limited**

Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Date: **22/05/2025**

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total funds	Total funds
	Note	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations	3	92,367	194,976	-	287,343	116,890
Charitable activities	4	6,425,809	-	-	6,425,809	5,914,865
Other trading activities	5	83,096	-	-	83,096	38,555
Investments	6	143,456	-	-	143,456	66,633
TOTAL INCOME		6,744,728	194,976	-	6,939,704	6,136,943
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds	7	46,748	-	-	46,748	52,254
Charitable activities	8	6,312,844	-	-	6,312,844	6,029,319
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		6,359,592	-	-	6,359,592	6,081,573
Net gains on fixed asset investments		270,214	-	-	270,214	32,122
NET INCOME		655,350	194,976	-	850,326	87,492
Transfers between funds		333,640	(45,396)	(288,244)	-	-
Other recognised gains: Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes		390,000	-	-	390,000	657,000
NET INCOME/MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		1,378,990	149,580	(288,244)	1,240,326	744,492
Reconciliation of funds <i>Total funds at 1 September 2023</i>		12,143,015	90,765	2,861,753	15,095,533	14,351,041
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2024		13,522,005	240,345	2,573,509	16,335,859	15,095,533

All activities relate to continuing operations. The notes on pages 20 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	£	2024 £	£	As restated 2023 £
NON CURRENT ASSETS					
Property, plant and equipment	14		9,453,128		9,701,112
Investments	15		2,573,509		2,266,502
Pension asset	21		1,955,000		1,489,000
			<u>13,981,637</u>		<u>13,456,614</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Trade and other receivables	16	1,395,577		1,990,716	
Cash and cash equivalents		5,955,616		2,592,643	
			<u>7,351,193</u>		<u>4,583,359</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	17	(4,067,447)		(2,944,440)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>3,283,746</u>		<u>1,638,919</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	17	(929,524)		-	
NET ASSETS					
			<u>16,335,859</u>		<u>15,095,533</u>
CONSOLIDATED FUNDS					
Designated funds	19		2,573,509		2,861,753
Restricted funds	19		240,345		90,765
Unrestricted funds	19		<u>13,522,005</u>		<u>12,143,015</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
			<u>16,335,859</u>		<u>15,095,533</u>

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 22/05/2025 and signed on their behalf, by:

C Butterworth 
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The notes on pages 20 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024


		2024		As restated 2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
NON CURRENT ASSETS					
Property, plant and equipment	14		9,453,128		9,701,112
Investments	15		2,573,509		2,266,502
Pension asset	21		1,955,000		1,489,000
			<u>13,981,637</u>		<u>13,456,614</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Trade and other receivables	16	1,354,410		2,018,601	
Cash and cash equivalents		5,255,015		2,057,996	
		<u>6,609,425</u>		<u>4,076,597</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	17	<u>(4,048,389)</u>		<u>(2,931,419)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
			<u>2,561,036</u>		<u>1,145,178</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	17	<u>(929,524)</u>		<u>-</u>	
NET ASSETS					
			<u>15,613,149</u>		<u>14,601,792</u>
CONSOLIDATED FUNDS					
Designated funds	19		2,573,509		2,861,753
Restricted funds	19		10,456		33,442
Unrestricted funds	19		<u>13,029,184</u>		<u>11,706,597</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
			<u>15,613,149</u>		<u>14,601,792</u>

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COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

The unconsolidated net surplus of Ludgrove School Trust Limited for the year was £1,011,357 (2023: £689,289).

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net cash generated from operating activities	A	3,315,799	274,916
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Investment income		143,456	66,633
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(59,489)	(45,928)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	5,542
Proceeds on disposal of fixed asset investments		452,729	502,767
Increase in fixed asset investments		(489,522)	(529,811)
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		47,174	(797)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		3,362,973	274,119
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		2,592,643	2,318,524
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD		5,955,616	2,592,643

NOTE TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS:

A. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	As restated 2023 £
Net income before other recognised gains and losses	850,326	87,492
Investment income	(143,456)	(66,633)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	307,473	313,849
Gains on investments	(270,214)	(14,420)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	595,139	(1,585,165)
Increase in trade and other payables	2,052,531	1,570,793
Defined benefit pension scheme adjustments	(76,000)	(31,000)
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	3,315,799	274,916

The notes on pages 20 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The consolidated accounts are prepared under the Companies Act 2006 and the historical cost convention unless otherwise stated, in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102) and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Ludgrove School Trust Limited is a school offering education to boys aged 8 to 13, which meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The Parent Company has taken advantage of the exemption available to qualifying entities under FRS 102 from preparing a Statement of Cash Flows

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements present the results of Ludgrove School Trust Limited and its subsidiary undertaking ('the Group'). The Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Income and expenditure account.

1.3 Going concern

Directors have reviewed the funds available to the School together with the expected ongoing demand for places and the future projected cash flows, and have concluded that the school has adequate resources to continue its activities for the foreseeable future. Additionally, despite the current uncertainty in the wider economy, the strength of the School's Statement of financial position is such that the directors consider that there is currently no material uncertainty over the school's financial viability. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

1.4 Company status

The School is a registered charity and a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The members of the Company are the directors named on page 1. The registered office is Ludgrove School, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 3AB. In the event of the Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Company.

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1.5 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 Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the directors for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds represent unspent monies received for a particular donor-specified purpose, as explained in the notes to the financial statements.

1.6 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities when the Company has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that monies will be received, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation. Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Fee income represents fees, extras and disbursements, received for the education of the pupils attending the school, less discounts. Income received from the rendering of tuition services is recognised over the period the service is provided.

1.7 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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1.8 Property, plant and equipment

All assets costing more than £2,000 are capitalised.

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Depreciation on other assets is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of those assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold buildings	-	2% straight-line
Leasehold buildings	-	over the term of the lease
Freehold land	-	not depreciated
Plant and machinery	-	15% straight-line
Motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance

Included in leasehold properties are buildings held under short leases which are being depreciated at the rate of 2% per annum. In the directors' opinion the leases will be renewed indefinitely.

1.9 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight-line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

1.10 Taxation

As a charity, the Company and its subsidiary are exempt from tax on income and gains under current tax legislation to the extent that these are applied to charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Group.

The Group is unable to recover the input VAT associated with the supply of goods and services as the provision of education is exempt from VAT. The irrecoverable VAT is included in the total cost applicable to each expense heading.

1.11 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

The Company additionally maintains a funded defined benefit pension scheme called the Ludgrove School Staff Pension Scheme. This scheme ceased to accrue benefits for active members as from 31 August 2011. Under the provisions of FRS 102, any surplus or deficit on the pension scheme is included in the Company's Statement of financial position.

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1.11 Pensions (continued)

A defined benefit plan defines the pension benefit that the employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent upon several factors including age, length of service and remuneration. The liability recognised in the Statement of financial position in respect of the defined benefit plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date less the fair value of the plan assets at the reporting date.

The defined benefit obligation is calculated using the projected unit credit method. Annually the Group engages independent actuaries to calculate the obligation. The present value is determined by discounting the estimated future payments using market yields on high quality corporate bonds that are denominated in sterling and that have terms approximating the estimated period of the future payments ('discount rate').

The fair value of plan assets is measured in accordance with the FRS 102 fair value hierarchy and in accordance with the Group's policy for similarly held assets. This includes the use of appropriate valuation techniques.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to other recognised gains/losses. These amounts together with the return on plan assets, less amounts included in net interest, are disclosed as 'Actuarial gains on defined benefit scheme'.

The net interest cost is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net balance of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets. This cost is recognised in the Income and expenditure account as 'Finance expense'.

1.12 Financial instruments

The charity has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Basic financial assets, including trade and other receivables, cash and bank balances and investments in commercial paper, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

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1.12 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities are classified in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into and the definitions of a financial liability.

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

1.13 Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at the point at which the invoice is raised and there is an unconditional right to receive payment.

2. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice requires management to make estimates and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the Statement of financial position date and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Defined benefit pension scheme

The Charity has an obligation to pay pension benefits to employees. The costs of these benefits and the present value of the obligation depend on a number of factors including life expectancy, salary and pension increases, and the discount rate on corporate bonds. The directors make appropriate judgements and estimates based on professional advice received from the scheme's actuary. Assumptions are set out in note 21.

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3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	92,367	194,976	-	287,343	116,890

Included in donations income of £116,890 for the year ended 31 August 2023 is £57,323 which relates to restricted funds and the balance of £59,567 relates to unrestricted funds.

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fees receivable	6,171,600	-	-	6,171,600	5,756,945
Extras	500,062	-	-	500,062	411,547
Non-refundable registration fees	9,674	-	-	9,674	9,804
Discounts and bursaries	(255,527)	-	-	(255,527)	(263,431)
	6,425,809	-	-	6,425,809	5,914,865

All income from other charitable activities in 2023 relates to unrestricted funds.

5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Rent receivable	5,313	-	-	5,313	3,162
Other income	1,783	-	-	1,783	4,393
Net interest on pension asset (note 13)	76,000	-	-	76,000	31,000
	83,096	-	-	83,096	38,555

All income from other trading activities in 2023 relates to unrestricted funds.

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6. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income	143,456	-	-	143,456	66,633

All investment income in 2023 relates to unrestricted funds.

7. EXPENDITURE ON RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Bank charges	221	-	-	221	159
Fundraising events	26,688	-	-	26,688	30,614
Fundraising administration	19,839	-	-	19,839	21,481
	46,748	-	-	46,748	52,254

All expenditure on raising funds in 2023 relates to unrestricted funds.

8. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Designated funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs (note 11)	3,497,901	-	-	3,497,901	3,357,882
Direct costs	1,151,978	-	-	1,151,978	1,062,437
Depreciation	307,473	-	-	307,473	313,849
Support costs (note 9)	1,355,492	-	-	1,355,492	1,295,151
	6,312,844	-	-	6,312,844	6,029,319

All expenditure on charitable activities in 2023 relates to unrestricted funds.

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9. SUPPORT COSTS

	Basis of Allocation	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Premises	Direct	910,007	910,007	845,822
Garden & grounds	Direct	49,780	49,780	97,599
Professional fees	Direct	108,682	108,682	85,922
Other support costs	Direct	170,412	170,412	175,022
Donations payable	Direct	1,771	1,771	1,713
Governance costs	Direct	89,997	89,997	89,073
Bad debt provision	Direct	24,843	24,843	-
		1,355,492	1,355,492	<i>1,295,151</i>

All expenditure on support costs relates to unrestricted funds.

10. NET INCOME

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the Charitable Group	307,473	313,849
Auditor's remuneration:		
- statutory audit of the Group	23,100	23,100
- statutory audit of the subsidiary	12,750	12,900
- statutory audit of the pension fund	-	12,180
- accounting services	51,000	52,893
- tax advisory	10,350	900
Operating lease rentals	133,186	<i>118,514</i>

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11. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,689,031	2,621,866
Social security costs	258,467	248,613
Other pension costs	550,403	487,403
	<u>3,497,901</u>	<u>3,357,882</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Teaching, pastoral and household	94	98
Maintenance	8	8
Administration	8	8
	<u>110</u>	<u>114</u>

The number of higher paid employees was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	7	4
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	2	-
In the band £110,001 - £120,000	-	1
In the band £120,001 - £130,000	1	-
	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

The directors have reconsidered key management personnel ("KMP") this year and concluded that the Head of Operations is also part of KMP in the current and prior years. KMP comprises the directors, the headmaster, the bursar, the head of operations and, in the prior year, the deputy headmaster. Total remuneration paid to KMP was £302,437 (2023: £338,435).

12. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

During the year, no directors received any remuneration (2023: none).

During the year, no directors received any benefits in kind (2023: none).

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to no directors (2023: none) in respect of defined benefit pension schemes.

During the year, no directors were reimbursed expenses (2023: none).

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13. FINANCE INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Interest income on pension scheme assets	403,000	334,000
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(327,000)	(303,000)
Net interest on net defined benefit asset	<u>76,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>

14. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Group and Company	Land & Buildings £	Plant & Machinery £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2023	12,995,071	1,703,502	38,763	14,737,336
Additions	53,785	5,704	-	59,489
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2024	<u>13,048,856</u>	<u>1,709,206</u>	<u>38,763</u>	<u>14,796,825</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2023	3,556,784	1,453,576	25,864	5,036,224
Charge for the year	229,075	75,435	2,963	307,473
Depn on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2024	<u>3,785,859</u>	<u>1,529,011</u>	<u>28,827</u>	<u>5,343,697</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2024	<u>9,262,997</u>	<u>180,195</u>	<u>9,936</u>	<u>9,453,128</u>
<i>At 31 August 2023</i>	<u>9,438,287</u>	<u>249,926</u>	<u>12,899</u>	<u>9,701,112</u>

Included in net book value of land and buildings is:

	2024 £	2023 £
Freehold land and buildings	8,981,085	9,124,500
Long leasehold	58,151	60,086
Short leasehold	241,900	253,701

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15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Group and Company	Cash £	Listed Investments £	Total £
Market value			
At 1 September 2023	120,242	2,146,260	2,266,502
Additions	18,254	471,268	489,522
Disposals	-	(406,653)	(406,653)
Revaluation	-	224,138	224,138
At 31 August 2024	<u>138,496</u>	<u>2,435,013</u>	<u>2,573,509</u>

Total investment gains of £270,214 (2023: £32,122) as shown on the Statement of Financial Activities comprise unrealised gains of £224,138 (2023: £14,420) and realised gains of £46,076 (2023: £17,702).

Investments at 31 August 2024 comprise:

	2024 £	2023 £
Equities – United Kingdom	184,544	147,589
Equities – Europe	158,193	150,663
Equities – North America	761,252	622,270
Equities – Japan	26,500	31,500
Equities – Asia ex Japan	59,766	57,320
Equities – Emerging markets	148,476	120,543
Bonds – United Kingdom	278,521	322,988
Bonds – North America	79,375	77,147
Bonds – Global	244,578	137,074
Bonds - commodities	45,321	63,279
Alternatives – hedge funds	131,037	118,898
Alternatives – commodities	149,552	136,318
Alternatives – other	167,898	160,671
Cash	138,496	120,242
	<u>2,573,509</u>	<u>2,266,502</u>

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16. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Group		Company	
	2024	As restated 2023	2024	As restated 2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade receivables	1,248,406	1,883,689	1,200,776	1,873,693
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	6,463	37,881
Prepayments and accrued income	127,064	105,616	127,064	105,616
Other receivables	20,107	1,411	20,107	1,411
	1,395,577	1,990,716	1,354,410	2,018,601

17. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES:

Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2024	As restated 2023	2024	As restated 2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade payables	92,529	-	92,529	-
Other payables	288,884	217,947	288,884	217,947
Pensions payable	47,122	-	47,122	-
Social security payable	66,989	67,942	66,989	67,942
Accruals	196,044	401,858	176,986	388,837
Deferred income (note 18)	3,375,879	2,256,693	3,375,879	2,256,693
	4,067,447	2,944,440	4,048,389	2,931,419

Amounts falling due after one year

	Group		Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income (note 18)	929,524	-	929,524	-
	929,524	-	929,524	-

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18. DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income relates to school fees paid in advance.

	Group		Company	
	2024	<i>As restated</i> 2023	2024	<i>As restated</i> 2023
	£	£	£	£
As at 1 September	2,256,693	691,499	2,256,693	691,499
Amounts released to SOFA	(2,256,693)	(691,499)	(2,256,693)	(691,499)
Amounts deferred in the year	4,305,403	2,256,693	4,305,403	2,256,693
As at 31 August	4,305,403	2,256,693	4,305,403	2,256,693

19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS - GROUP

	Brought forward 1 September 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains/ (Losses)	Carried forward 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds - all funds	12,143,015	6,744,728	(6,359,592)	333,640	660,214	13,522,005
Designated funds						
Strategic reserve	750,000	-	-	-	-	750,000
Long-term investment reserve	750,000	-	-	-	-	750,000
Special projects reserve	1,361,753	-	-	(288,244)	-	1,073,509
Total designated funds	2,861,753	-	-	(288,244)	-	2,573,509
Restricted funds						
Learning support	10,456	-	-	-	-	10,456
Hardship fund	22,986	-	-	(22,986)	-	-
Bursary fund	57,323	194,976	-	(22,410)	-	229,889
Total restricted funds	90,765	194,976	-	(45,396)	-	240,345
Total of funds	15,095,533	6,939,704	(6,359,592)	-	660,214	16,335,859

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued) - COMPANY

	Brought forward 1 September 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers in/out	Gains/ (Losses)	Carried forward 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds - all funds	11,706,597	6,587,987	(6,236,844)	311,230	660,214	13,029,184
Designated funds						
Strategic reserve	750,000	-	-	-	-	750,000
Long-term investment reserve	750,000	-	-	-	-	750,000
Special projects reserve	1,361,753	-	-	(288,244)	-	1,073,509
Total designated funds	2,861,753	-	-	(288,244)	-	2,573,509
Restricted funds						
Learning support	10,456	-	-	-	-	10,456
Hardship fund	22,986	-	-	(22,986)	-	-
Total restricted funds	33,442	-	-	(22,986)	-	10,456
Total of funds	14,601,792	6,587,987	(6,236,844)	-	660,214	15,613,149

Designated funds

The Strategic reserve has been set up to cover possible future expenditure of an exceptional nature.

The Long-term investment reserve has been set up to cover future expenditure on the School's land and buildings.

The Special projects reserve has been set up for potential future requirements of the school.

Restricted funds

The Learning support fund was created by the donation of funds specifically for learning support.

The Bursary fund was created by the donation of funds in the subsidiary charity specifically for the purpose of providing bursaries.

The Hardship fund was created by donations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and will be used to fund bursaries for families in need as a result of the pandemic.

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20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

GROUP	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	<i>Total funds As restated 2023</i>
	funds	funds	funds	funds	
	2024	2024	2024	2024	
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	9,453,128	-	-	9,453,128	9,701,112
Fixed asset investments	-	-	2,573,509	2,573,509	2,266,502
Pension asset	1,955,000	-	-	1,955,000	1,489,000
Current assets	7,110,848	240,345	-	7,351,193	4,583,359
Creditors due within one year	(4,067,447)	-	-	(4,067,447)	(2,944,440)
Creditors due after one year	(929,524)	-	-	(929,524)	-
	13,522,005	240,345	2,573,509	16,335,859	15,095,533

All tangible fixed assets for 2023 relate to unrestricted funds. All fixed asset investments for 2023 relate to designated funds. Included within current assets for 2023 is £90,765 relating to restricted funds, £595,251 relating to designated funds, with the balance of £2,182,260 relating to unrestricted funds. All creditors and provisions for liabilities and charges for 2023 relate to unrestricted funds.

COMPANY	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	<i>Total funds As restated 2023</i>
	funds	funds	funds	funds	
	2024	2024	2024	2024	
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	9,453,128	-	-	9,453,128	9,701,112
Fixed asset investments	-	-	2,573,509	2,573,509	2,266,502
Pension asset	1,955,000	-	-	1,955,000	1,489,000
Current assets	6,598,969	10,456	-	6,609,425	4,076,597
Creditors due within one year	(4,048,389)	-	-	(4,048,389)	(2,931,419)
Creditors due after one year	(929,524)	-	-	(929,524)	-
	13,029,184	10,456	2,573,509	15,613,149	14,601,792

All tangible fixed assets for 2023 relate to unrestricted funds. All fixed asset investments for 2023 relate to designated funds. Included within current assets for 2023 is £33,442 relating to restricted funds, £595,251 relating to designated funds, with the balance of £1,732,821 relating to unrestricted funds. All creditors and provisions for liabilities and charges for 2023 relate to unrestricted funds.

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21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

Ludgrove School Trust Limited operates a Group Personal Pension scheme, a defined contribution scheme, for the benefit of certain employees. Contributions in the year were £550,403 (2023: £487,403).

The Group also operates a defined benefit pension scheme.

Contributions by both employees and the Company are held in director administered funds completely independent of the Company's finances. The profit and loss charge is based upon actuarial advice by a professionally qualified actuary. The Scheme's Actuary is not an employee of the sponsoring employer.

The Virgin Media Ltd v NTL Pension Trustees II decision, handed down by the High Court on 16 June 2023, considered the implications of section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993. This section was in force between April 1997 and April 2016, and required that benefit changes could only be made in contracted-out defined benefit schemes if the scheme actuary had confirmed in writing that the scheme would still meet a minimum benefit test after the benefit changes had been made. In a judgment delivered on 25 July 2024, the Court of Appeal unanimously upheld the decision of the High Court that amendments made to the NTL Pension Plan were void because this written confirmation from the actuary could not be found. This case has the potential to cause significant issues in the pensions industry. The trustees of the Ludgrove School Defined Benefit pension scheme will investigate the possible implications with its advisers in due course, but it is not possible at present to estimate the potential impact, if any, on the Scheme.

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial position are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Present value of funded obligations	(6,514,000)	(6,645,000)
Fair value of scheme assets	8,469,000	8,134,000
Net balance	1,955,000	1,489,000

The amounts recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net interest income	730,000	31,000

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21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of scheme assets were as follows:

	Assets £	Liabilities £	Total £
At 1 September 2023	8,134,000	(6,645,000)	1,489,000
Interest income on scheme assets	403,000	-	403,000
Return less interest income on scheme assets	417,000	-	417,000
Interest cost	-	(327,000)	(327,000)
Benefits paid	(485,000)	485,000	-
Actuarial gains / (losses)	-	(27,000)	(27,000)
Past service cost	-	-	-
At 31 August 2024	8,469,000	(6,514,000)	1,955,000

The date of the most recent actuarial valuation of the scheme assets and liabilities was 5 April 2022.

The Group expects to contribute £nil (2023: £nil) to its defined benefit pension scheme in 2023.

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Statement of financial position date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2024	2023
Pension revaluation in deferment (CPI, maximum 5% with effect from 6 April 1999 to 5 April 2009)	2.70%	2.80%
Pension revaluation in deferment (CPI, maximum 2.5% with effect from 6 April 2009)	2.50%	2.50%
Discount rate	4.90%	5.10%
Pension escalation in payment (RPI, max 2.5% with effect from 1 August 2007)	2.10%	2.20%
Pension escalation in payment (RPI, max 5% with effect from 6 April 1999 to 31 July 2007)	3.00%	3.20%
RPI inflation	3.10%	3.30%
CPI inflation	2.70%	2.80%

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22. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2024 the Group had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Group and Company	Land and buildings		Other	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Expiry date:				
Less than 1 year	94,408	49,381	72,762	69,133
Between 1 and 5 years	110,904	86,497	84,690	82,484

23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There are no capital commitments as at 31 August 2024 (2023: £Nil).

24. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

During the year, the School reviewed its accounting policies and decided to change its policy for the recognition of trade debtors. Previously, trade debtors related to termly fees were not recognised until the start of the relevant term. Under the revised policy, trade debtors are recognised at the point at which the invoice is raised and there is an unconditional right to receive payment. Management believes that this change provides more reliable and relevant information regarding the School's financial position. The change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively. As a result, the comparative figures for the prior period have been restated as follows: trade receivables and deferred income due within one year have increased by £1,715,083 as at 31 August 2023.

25. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

As described in note 21, the implications of the High Court ruling in respect of section 37 of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 on the School's defined benefit pension scheme have not been determined. This has the potential to create an additional obligation in respect of scheme liabilities, but it is not possible to reliably estimate the potential impact of this judgement on the scheme without further investigation. The trustees of the scheme intend to take legal advice before taking next steps.

26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Foundation made bursary grants of £13,320 (2023: £12,360) to the School during the year. During the year the School has settled expenses related to Foundation of £41,897 (2023: £42,738). As at the year end £6,463 is due to be paid to the School (2023: £37,881 due from Foundation to School).

R M Besten and L C L Fitzwilliams have boys who attended the School during the year. Fees were paid on normal commercial basis.

There were no other related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

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27. CONTROLLING PARTY

There is considered to be no ultimate controlling party.

28. SUBSIDIARY

Company name	Country	Percentage shareholding	Description
The Ludgrove School Foundation	United Kingdom	100%	Charitable foundation

The Charity is the ultimate controlling party of The Ludgrove School Foundation Limited as established by its memorandum and articles of association dated 7 August 2012, company number 08170775 and charity number 1149573. The objective of The Ludgrove School Foundation Limited is to distribute funds available to it in support of charitable purposes approved by its directors. The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary which have been included in the consolidated accounts are shown below as are a summary of its income and expenditure. The registered office of The Ludgrove School Foundation is Ludgrove, Wokingham, RG40 3AB.

Summary of subsidiary assets and liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	47,630	9,996
Cash	700,601	534,648
Creditors	(25,521)	(50,902)
Net Assets	722,710	493,742

Income and expenditure summary

	2024 £	2023 £
Voluntary income	276,608	119,817
Costs of generating voluntary income	(26,688)	(30,614)
Grant to Ludgrove School	(13,320)	(12,360)
Professional fees	(221)	(159)
Governance costs	(19,839)	(21,481)
Investment income	12,428	-
Surplus	228,968	55,203
Funds brought forward	493,742	438,539
Total	722,710	493,742
