



The Rowley  
Learning  
Trust(A Company  
Limited by  
Guarantee) Report  
of the Directors  
and Unaudited  
Financial  
Statements

For the Year Ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

'The Rowley Learning Trust is an aspirational, ethical partnership, with the shared values of promoting enjoyment and enrichment for all our community to enable learners to benefit from high quality teaching and learning. Inclusion and respect are at the heart of all we do'

**Annual  
Report**

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*'RLT, where aspirations are nurtured into reality'*

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(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

**Legal and Administrative Information**

Company Registration Number: 08124820 (England and Wales)

Number:

VAT Registration Number: 206699091

Registered Office: Old Hill Primary School  
Lawrence Lane,  
Cradley Heath,  
West Midlands  
B64 6DR 8HS

Directors:

- Mr Paul Newby (Brickhouse Primary School)
- Mr Stuart Purcell (Brickhouse Primary School)
- Mrs Sally Fenby (Old Hill Primary School)
- Ms Pauline Riley (Old Hill Primary School)
- Mr Nicholas Miller (Rowley Hall Primary School)
- Mrs Kita Amos (Rowley Hall Primary School)
- Mrs Alison Bhardwaj (Springfield Primary School)
- Mr James Williams (Springfield Primary School)
- Ms Catherine Walsh (Temple Meadow Primary School)
- Mrs Laura Wright (Temple Meadow Primary School)
- Mrs Elaine Bowen (Teaching School Alliance)
- Mr David Holden (Sandwell College)
- Mrs Josephine Leese (Sandwell MBC)

Financial Consultant: Paul Field CPFA  
Director  
Resources Consultancy Limited

Bank: Co-operative Bank  
Southway  
Skelmersdale  
WN8 6NY

Solicitors:

Higgs & Son Solicitors  
3 Waterfront Business Park  
Brierley Hill  
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**The Rowley Learning Trust**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

**Directors' Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Rowley Learning Trust is a company limited by guarantee; the company was registered on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The Trust was set up to contribute to the advancement of education and raise standards through the creation of a platform for on-going improvement. The resources and expertise brought by the Trust by the partners will strengthen strategic leadership, increase support and challenge and consolidate effective monitoring, thereby bringing about rapid improvement in outcomes for students.

The Rowley Learning Trust is a non-profit making organisation without share capital or shareholders. The Trust is funded by contributions from the five Trust Schools - Brickhouse Primary School, Old Hill Primary School, Rowley Hall Primary School, Springfield Primary School and Temple Meadow Primary School.

In addition the Trust Schools are supported by the following Trust Partners:-

- Lightwoods Teaching School Alliance
- Sandwell College
- SIPS Education
- Sandwell MBC

Directors are appointed representing each of the Trust Schools and Partners. The day to day organisation of the Trust rests with the Head Teachers and the Board annual meetings to ensure services are delivered and objectives met.

**Risk Management**

Directors, with appropriate advice from consultants, solicitors and the local authority, have assessed the major financial and physical risks the Trust is

exposed to and continue to monitor the arrangements and systems in place to mitigate these risks.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Trust principal and only activity is the education of pupils between the ages of 4 and 11. The objective of the Trust is to advance the education of pupils at the schools and other members of the community and otherwise to benefit the community and to promote community cohesion.

## **Changes to the Trust**

There has been two resignations during 2020/21 both on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (the AGM):-

Mrs Tracy Pearce (SIPS Education)

Mr Colin Wilkes (The Cooperative College)

## **Activities & Collaborative Working – 2020/2021**

The activities during 2020/2021 have been curtailed due to Covid 19. However, collaborative working on administration and Head Teacher liaison have continued through the use of Microsoft Teams.

## **Directors**

The Directors below have held office during 2020/2021:-

Mr Paul Newby (Brickhouse Primary School)

Mr Stuart Purcell (Brickhouse Primary School)

Mrs Sally Fenby (Old Hill Primary School)

Ms Pauline Riley (Old Hill Primary School)

Mr Nicholas Miller (Rowley Hall Primary)

Mrs Kita Amos (Rowley Hall Primary School)

Mrs Alison Bhardwaj (Springfield Primary School)

Mr James Williams (Springfield Primary School)

Ms Catherine Walsh (Temple Meadow Primary School)

Mrs Laura Wright (Temple Meadow Primary School)

Mrs Elaine Bowen (Teaching School Alliance)

Mrs Tracy Pearce (SIPS Education) - resigned 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Mr David Holden (Sandwell College)

Mrs Josephine Leese (Sandwell MBC)

Mr Colin Wilkes (The Cooperative College) - resigned 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020

No salaries, wages or expenses have been paid to the Directors during the year.

### **Political and Charitable Donations**

The Trust did not receive or pay any political or charitable donations for the period reported.

**On behalf of the directors**

**Paul Newby (Chair)**

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6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Income</b>			
Contribution from Schools	2, 3	1,850	2,650
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2,850</b>	<b>2,650</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Employees		0	0
Professional Fees	4	750	1,920
Training and Trust Events		0	149
General administration	5	741	741
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1,491</b>	<b>2,810</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<b>359</b>	<b>(160)</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank and in Hand		3,323	3,070
Payments in Advance - Directors Insurance		308	308
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>3,631</b>	<b>3,378</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		0	106
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>106</b>
<b>Net Assets/Liabilities</b>		<b>3,631</b>	<b>3,272</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
Funds b/fwd		3,272	3,432
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		359	(160)
<b>Funds C/fwd</b>	6	<b>3,631</b>	<b>3,272</b>

### Small Companies Provisions - Audit Exemption

For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the Trust was entitled to exemption from the audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the Trust to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the companies subject to the small companies' regime.

**On behalf of the directors**

**Paul Newby (Chair)**

6<sup>th</sup> July 2021



Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**1. Accounting Policies**

The Trust strictly adheres to the local authority financial regulations with all income and expenditure being recorded and monitored on Sandwell MBC systems. The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

**2. Income**

In 2019/20 contributions totalled £1,850 (£370 per school)

**3. VAT**

All income and expenditure are shown exclusive of VAT.

**4. Professional Fees**

The professional fees in 2019/20 were higher due to legal costs for the registration of the underlease.

**5. General**

General expenditure is mainly the Directors and Officers Insurance and the administration service level agreement with Old Hill Primary School.

**6. Funds**

The Rowley Learning Trust is a not for profit company limited by guarantee. This does not prevent the Trust making a surplus and the funds will be available to support expenditure in future years.