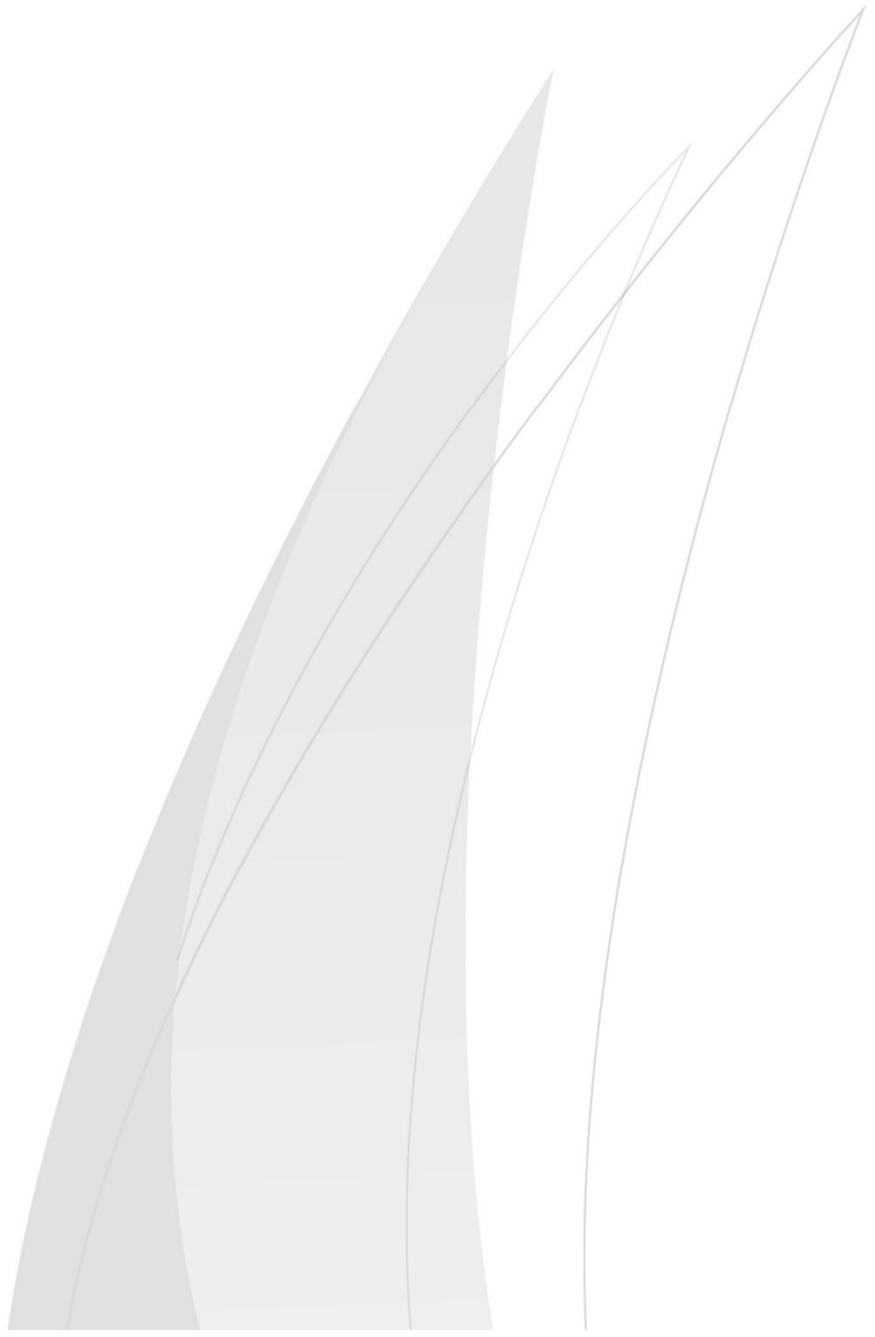




Key Issues for Discussion Document Hardenhuish School Limited ("The Trust")

For the year ended 31 August 2023



Management letter points and internal control systems

The Trust’s management is responsible for the identification, assessment and monitoring of risk, for developing, operating and monitoring the systems of internal control and for providing assurance to the Board that it has done so.

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have not provided a comprehensive statement of all issues which may exist in the accounting and internal control systems or of all improvements which may be made, but outline below our observations arising from the audit, none of which are considered significant.

We would be pleased to discuss further work in this regard with the Board.

KEY:



Financial - Observations refer to issues that are so fundamental to the system of internal control that management should address immediately to minimise the risk of a material misstatement within the financial statements.

Governance – Observations that are fundamental to good governance and should be addressed immediately to minimise the risk of governance failings.



Financial - Observations refer mainly to issues that have an important effect on the system of internal control and, if left uncorrected could potentially lead to a material misstatement within the financial statements.

Governance – Observations that are important to good governance and should be addressed to minimise the risk of governance failings and to help improve procedures.



Financial - Observations refer to issues that would, if corrected, improve internal control in general and engender good practice, but is unlikely to have a material impact on the financial statements.

Governance – Observations that if addressed would help to improve and embed good governance practices but is unlikely to lead directly on its own to governance failings.



Observations made in the previous year have been resolved.

Summary of progress against points raised.

Risk Rating	2023	2022
	0	0
	0	0
	1	0
	0	0

Internal financial controls


Our review of the Trust's system of internal control is carried out to assist us in expressing an opinion on the financial statements of the Academy as a whole. This work is not primarily directed towards the discovery of weaknesses or the detection of fraud or other irregularities (other than those which would influence us in forming that opinion) and should not therefore be relied upon to show that no other weaknesses exist. Accordingly, we refer only to significant matters which have come to our attention during the course of our normal audit work and do not attempt to indicate all possible improvements which a special review might reveal.

The following table summarises our significant control observations together with any recommendations we have for possible improvements which could be made.

Your comments

We would be grateful if you would enter your comments against each point under the "management response" header of the management letter point section and return it to us in due course. The management letter section of this KIDD letter will be submitted to the ESFA with the Financial Statements.

Current Year Matters

Fixed Asset Register Differences	
	
<p>The fixed asset register does not hold location information for the majority of assets, meaning that several could not be located during our physical verification testing.</p> <p>There are historic adjustments held on the fixed asset register.</p> <p>There was also a small difference between the fixed asset register maintained by the Academy and the prior year signed accounts, particularly in the breakdown between asset classes.</p>	<p><u>Recommendation</u> Location should be included against all assets to ensure identifiable.</p> <p>Historic differences should be either identified or written off. Any differences between the register and the accounts should be investigated and reconciled.</p> <p>We recommend that the fixed asset register is updated and reconciled to the trial balance as part of the month end procedures.</p> <p><u>Management comment</u> Agreed – the fixed asset register is being updated.</p>

Prior year observations

No prior year observations.



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