

Investment Policy

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Introduction

1. The Board of Trustees are able to invest to further the trust's charitable aims. The Academies financial handbook allows investment on the understanding that:
 - a) Trustees act within their powers in the Articles of Association
 - b) Ensure value for money
 - c) Exercise care and skill in all investment decisions, taking advice as appropriate from a professional advisor
 - d) Ensure that security takes precedence over revenue maximisation
 - e) Ensure all investment decisions are in the best interests of the Trust and command broad public support
 - f) Review the Trust's investments and investment policy regularly
 - g) The Board follows the Charity Commission's Guidance: [CC14 Charities and investment matters: A guide for trustees](#).

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2. The Trustees anticipate that the Trust will have surplus cash available, both as a result of cashflow planning and also the implementation of a reserves policy that maintains a suitable amount of reserves. Such surplus cash will be invested to ensure that the Trust receives an acceptable income stream without putting at risk the funds that belong to the Trust.
3. Trustees believe that risk-free bank deposit accounts are the most appropriate place to invest surplus cashflow. Advice will be taken from the Trust's bankers and funds invested as follows:
 - a) Working capital to be invested in a Lloyds bank current account or equivalent. A balance of at least 1 month's salary costs should be maintained. It is recognised that a small amount of interest is payable on this.

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- b) Surplus cash should be invested in a mixture of accounts as set out below (i to iv) with Lloyds bank or a similar UK-based banking provider to earn higher interest rates than on the current account and to stagger easy access to funds over the year to meet cashflow requirements:
 - i. 12-month notice
 - ii. 6-month notice
 - iii. 3-month notice and
 - iv. 1-month notice
- c) Any interest earned will be paid into the Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust central budget to benefit all schools within the Trust.
- d) Balances invested will be reported to Trustees on a termly basis.
- e) Trustees do not intend to invest reserves in stocks and shares or other volatile investments as they do not feel these represent an acceptable level of risk to the Trust.