



Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith

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Investment Policy**

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INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors can invest to further the Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy Company (“the MAC”) charitable aims. The Academies Financial Handbook allows investment on the understanding that the Board of Directors:

- act within their powers to invest as set out its articles;
- have an investment policy to manage, control and track their financial exposure, and ensure value for money;
- exercise care and skill in all investment decisions, taking advice as appropriate from a professional advisor;
- ensure exposure to investment products is tightly controlled so that security of funds takes precedence over revenue maximisation;
- ensure that all investment decisions are in the trust’s best interests review the trust’s investments and investment policy regularly; and
- follow the Charity Commission’s guidance: [CC14 Charities and investment matters: A guide for trustees](#). ESFA’s prior approval must be obtained for investment transactions which are novel, contentious and/or repercussive.

POLICY

It is the Board of Directors belief that it should be anticipated that the MAC will have surplus cash available, both because of cashflow planning and the implementation of a reserves policy that maintains a suitable amount of reserves. Such surplus cash should be invested to ensure that the MAC receives an acceptable income stream without putting at risk the funds that belong to the trust.

The Board of Directors believe that risk-free bank deposit accounts are the most appropriate place to invest surplus cashflow. Advice should be taken from the MAC bankers and funds invested as follows:

- Working capital to be invested in a Lloyds Bank current account or equivalent. It is recognised that a small amount of interest is payable on this balance, but that Lloyds Bank also offer the MAC free banking which results in this lower interest rate.
- Surplus cash should be invested in a mixture of notice accounts of up to one year with Lloyds Bank or a similar reputable UK based banking provider to earn higher interest rates than on the current account but to stagger easy access to funds over the year to meet cashflow requirements.
- Any interest earned should be paid into the MAC central budget to benefit all schools within our trust proportionally to their contribution.
- Balances invested should be reported to the Board of Directors on a termly basis.

The Board of Directors 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 MAC.