

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
The Education Renaissance Trust**

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The Education Renaissance Trust

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective from 1 January 2019.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal objective of the Trust is to help develop schools and support teachers who offer a spiritual dimension to education. The Trust promotes the development of a distinctive approach to education which has been pioneered in a group of London schools for 47 years. This approach is based on the understanding that the desire for truth is part of human nature. It can inspire every lesson and it has proved beneficial to the lives of children and their teachers.

Significant activities

The Trust furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through its grant-making policy and teacher training. The Trust currently supports bursary funds for pupils, and makes grants for teachers' salaries, training, school buildings and improved facilities. It runs training programmes, open to all teachers, to pass on the experience and lessons learned from the spiritual approach to education. It also facilitates dialogue, visits and teacher exchanges between the schools which it supports in a number of countries. The Trust undertakes continuous fundraising for its own work, and provides help and advice for others to do so.

Public benefit

In planning and directing the Trust's activities, the trustees have fully considered the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission. The grants made and teacher training benefit the public in the area of education.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Grants, teaching bursaries and donations paid

During the year grants of £69,930 were made to St James Johannesburg ("SJJ"), as a continuing programme of support. SJJ has suffered low pupil numbers, exacerbated by the pandemic, and the school's governors decided to search for a new site for the school. Trustees agreed to support this quest financially and with expertise. The Trust's educational advisers, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, have been attending the relocation project steering committee via Zoom. The Trust also completed a two-year grant to SJJ to fund the salary of the executive head. We also received a donation of £125,000 including gift aid towards the SJJ relocation project. As a suitable site has not yet been found, the donation is held by the Trust as restricted funds. Individual UK Friends of the Trust continued to sponsor bursaries for children at SJJ. The total value of their donations, including Gift Aid, was £3,650.

Little Stars School in Varanasi, India, continued to receive instalments of the Trust's 5 year grant of £55,900.

Gap year students were sponsored in London, Melbourne and Auckland.

A £20,000 grant funded a second year's internship in the St James London Sanskrit Department. The beneficiary is to take up a full-time teaching post in St James in September 2021.

The two people leading the work of Sanskrit@ St James, which promotes the study of Sanskrit around the world, each received a grant of £8,000.

An educational project for teachers in Argentina received £8,750, the second instalment of a start up grant of £35,000. The project was then halted by the closure of all schools because of the pandemic.

Teacher training and school development

The training and development of teachers is a priority for the trustees, as is the development of the schools which the Trust helps to support. To deliver these priorities, Mr Paul Moss, former Head of Development at St James Schools, London, and his wife Penny, a retired St James teacher, both work as consultants to the Trust.

Because of the pandemic these activities have been halted. The annual international teachers conference in Lucca, Italy was cancelled both for 2020 and 2021. We hope to run a conference in July 2022.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities

The Friends of the Education Renaissance Trust continue to be a valuable source of funding, mainly from one-off donations, regular standing orders, a sponsorship scheme for pupils in South Africa, and, occasionally, bequests.

A fundraising campaign on behalf of St James School in Durban has continued to generate donations. Donations are made to the Trust, which periodically transfers the funds raised to Durban. The total amount of these donations for Durban for the year including gift aid was £17,717.

The Trust is a member of the British Schools and Universities Foundation. The BSUF is a US 301(c)(3) charity which can receive tax-deductible donations from US tax payers.

Two further editions of the ERT newsletter 'Report' were published, to keep friends and supporters in touch with our work.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

The Trust held 2 Berkshire Hathaway shares at the year end. The trustees have regularly reviewed the investment and best advice has been to hold, subject to realising it in full or in part at any time, at their discretion, in order to further the objectives and activities of the Trust.

Reserves policy and review of the year

The Trust's policy in respect of reserves is to meet requests for support as far as possible but to continue to adopt a cautious policy of grant-making in order to preserve the value of the Trust's main asset for as long as possible.

Income from donations and legacies for the year ended 31st March 2021 was £177,217 (2020: £108,132). Total expenditure was £250,283 (2020: £396,919), of which £228,164 (2020: £368,958) was direct expenditure on charitable activities. There were gains of £151,755 (2020: losses £22,233) on the Trust's investment assets and net income for the year was £78,764 (2020: net expenditure £278,201), comprising net income on restricted funds of £126,509 less net expenditure on unrestricted funds of £47,745. Total unrestricted funds at the year end were £656,772 (2020: £704,517).

FUTURE PLANS

Plans for the future include:

To continue to promote the exchange of experience between, and the development of teachers in, the family of schools which we support.

To run a further international conference in Lucca, Italy, in July 2022, for teachers from the schools which we support as well as others, some of whom we have not yet met.

To continue to provide in-service training opportunities for teachers.

To continue to provide financial support to educational initiatives which are within our objectives.

To continue to fund-raise for our cause, education based on spiritual values, and to help others to do so.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The trust deed provides for a minimum of three trustees. New trustees are appointed by a resolution of the trustees at a special meeting.

Organisational structure

All property of the Trust is managed by the trustees. All decisions are made by the trustees at meetings which take place at least 6 times a year. Administrative and fundraising support is provided by consultants, Mr H Venables and Mrs D Venables.

Induction and training of new trustees

The existing trustees are responsible for the induction of any new trustee. This involves awareness of a trustee's responsibilities, the trust deed and the history of the Trust. A new trustee receives copies of the previous year's annual report and accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission booklet 'The Essential Trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do'.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

General Data Protection Regulation

We have audited the data we hold on people, in the form of a mailing list of c.600 to whom we send a one-page newsletter twice a year. We are satisfied that the vast majority of the data has been given to us by the people concerned, for the exact purpose of keeping in touch with them twice a year. Nobody has been offered or requested that they should be removed from the list after some specified time. Everybody is reminded regularly that they can be removed from the list on request at any time.

Risk management

The main form of financial risk faced by the Trust is that of volatility in equity markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk and changes in sentiment concerning equities. As previously stated, the trustees have regularly reviewed the investment in Berkshire Hathaway shares. The trustees do not consider that the Trust is exposed to any other significant risks but the position is kept under regular review at trustees meetings.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1062479

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Trustees

Mr. M Kettle - Chairman
Mr. A. Marshall
Mr. C. Rees
Mrs. M. Camp
Mrs T Glover

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr. M Kettle - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Education Renaissance Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Education Renaissance Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Education Renaissance Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brendan Gorman FCCA
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7 May 2021

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		30,850	146,367	177,217	108,132
Charitable activities					
Teacher training and school development		-	-	-	32,287
Investment income	2	75	-	75	532
Total		30,925	146,367	177,292	140,951
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		3,921	-	3,921	6,436
Charitable activities					
Grants		124,572	19,858	144,430	228,343
Teacher training and school development		57,000	-	57,000	94,950
Teaching bursaries		26,734	-	26,734	45,665
Governance and support costs		18,198	-	18,198	21,525
Total		230,425	19,858	250,283	396,919
Net gains/(losses) on investments		151,755	-	151,755	(22,233)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(47,745)	126,509	78,764	(278,201)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		704,517	7,846	712,363	990,564
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		656,772	134,355	791,127	712,363

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	5	559,148	-	559,148	657,903
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	8,441	28,555	36,996	22,956
Cash at bank and in hand		157,913	105,800	263,713	147,397
		<u>166,354</u>	<u>134,355</u>	<u>300,709</u>	<u>170,353</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(57,550)	-	(57,550)	(93,533)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>108,804</u>	<u>134,355</u>	<u>243,159</u>	<u>76,820</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		667,952	134,355	802,307	734,723
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(11,180)	-	(11,180)	(22,360)
NET ASSETS		<u>656,772</u>	<u>134,355</u>	<u>791,127</u>	<u>712,363</u>
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				656,772	704,517
Restricted funds				134,355	7,846
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>791,127</u>	<u>712,363</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr. M Kettle - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of listed investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective from 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a true and fair view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Governance and support costs include the independent examiner's fees, other professional fees, and general administration overheads. As there is no meaningful way of apportioning or allocating governance and support costs to the other expenditure categories, these costs are shown as a separate heading on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are carried at their market value.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at cost.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest receivable	75	532

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses (2020: travel expenses of £559) were reimbursed to trustees during the year.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	64,136	43,996	108,132
Charitable activities			
Teacher training and school development	32,287	-	32,287
Investment income	532	-	532
Total	96,955	43,996	140,951
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	6,436	-	6,436
Charitable activities			
Grants	183,899	44,444	228,343
Teacher training and school development	94,950	-	94,950
Teaching bursaries	45,665	-	45,665
Governance and support costs	21,525	-	21,525
Total	352,475	44,444	396,919
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(22,233)	-	(22,233)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(277,753)	(448)	(278,201)

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4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	982,270	8,294	990,564
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>704,517</u>	<u>7,846</u>	<u>712,363</u>

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2020	657,903
Disposals	(219,301)
Revaluations	<u>120,546</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>559,148</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	<u>559,148</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>657,903</u>

Fixed asset investments, which were all donated, comprise a holding of 3 Berkshire Hathaway Inc. A shares, which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The market value of these shares on the dates on which they were donated was £156,609.

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Income tax recoverable	29,905	16,203
Prepayments	<u>7,091</u>	<u>6,753</u>
	<u>36,996</u>	<u>22,956</u>

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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	<u>57,550</u>	<u>93,533</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	<u>11,180</u>	<u>22,360</u>

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	704,517	(47,745)	656,772
Restricted funds			
St James Johannesburg	-	128,650	128,650
St James Durban	<u>7,846</u>	<u>(2,141)</u>	<u>5,705</u>
	<u>7,846</u>	<u>126,509</u>	<u>134,355</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>712,363</u>	<u>78,764</u>	<u>791,127</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,925	(230,425)	151,755	(47,745)
Restricted funds				
St James Johannesburg	128,650	-	-	128,650
St James Durban	<u>17,717</u>	<u>(19,858)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,141)</u>
	<u>146,367</u>	<u>(19,858)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,509</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>177,292</u>	<u>(250,283)</u>	<u>151,755</u>	<u>78,764</u>

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	982,270	(277,753)	704,517
Restricted funds			
St James Durban	8,294	(448)	7,846
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>990,564</u>	<u>(278,201)</u>	<u>712,363</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	96,955	(352,475)	(22,233)	(277,753)
Restricted funds				
St James Johannesburg	3,600	(3,600)	-	-
St James Durban	40,396	(40,844)	-	(448)
	<u>43,996</u>	<u>(44,444)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(448)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>140,951</u>	<u>(396,919)</u>	<u>(22,233)</u>	<u>(278,201)</u>

The St James Johannesburg fund is in respect of specific donations received to support St James Johannesburg including specific sponsorship of children attending the school.

The St James Durban fund is in respect of specific donations received to support St James Durban.

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Trust received donations including gift aid from related parties of £125,000 (2020: £50,000).