

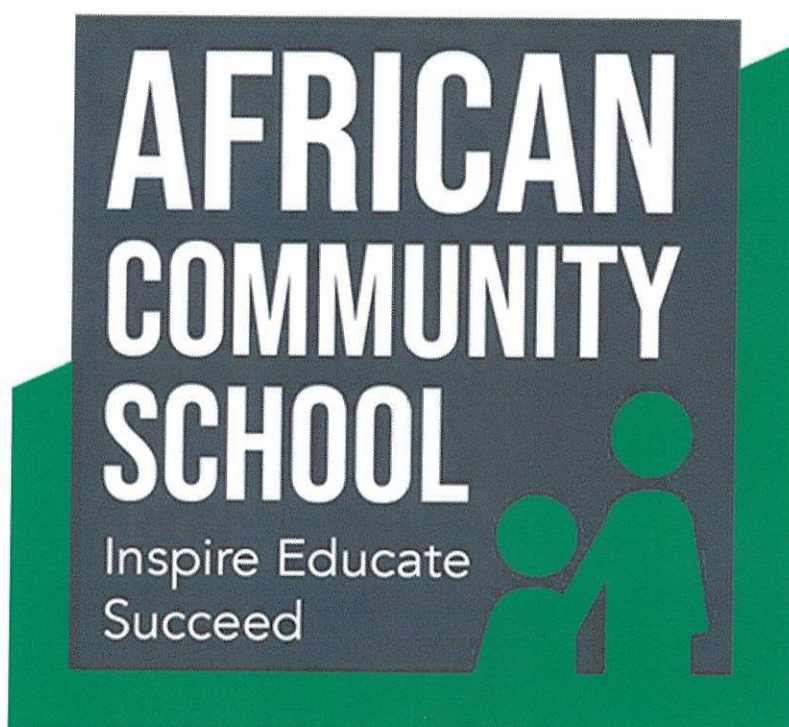
AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1087936

OFSTED REGISTRATION NUMBER: EY550043



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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
31 MARCH 2021**

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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Management Committee Trustees	Keith Hughes.....Chair Cherry JoshiaTreasurer Ingrid Blanc.....Secretary Curtis Oware Asante.....Member Mary Fasipe.....Member Natasha Anderson.....Member (Resigned) Toni Sless.....Member (Resigned) Rahee Nayar.....Member Jessica Ruth Staples.....Member
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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Chair / Trustee Report

A year ago, we would never have imagined we would be facing a global pandemic to the scale of what we have witnessed.

All of us have needed to adapt and assess the situation from all angles and allocate strategies accordingly.

The coronavirus pandemic has given many of us severe heartache and pain.

This virus has tested everyone's resolve to the maximum.

Bearing all these unforeseen circumstances in mind, the African Community School has continued to support the children, adults and vulnerable adults to the best of its ability.

Together we have remained strong and positive to steer us through the crisis.

The African Community Schools team has recruited new trustees to the board who between them possess a vast number of skills, experience, and great talent as well as diversity.

I would like to thank the trustees who are no longer with the ACS for their hard work and effort over the past years.

The African Community School continues to grow effectively and robustly. Once again funding to the school has been challenging although we have managed to support students and adults with food, online learning and as much help as possible.

The African Community School will continue to evolve with the wonderful team which has come together.

I would like to thank Kome for her resilience, hard work and effort which she has shown year after year.

I would also like to thank all the trustees, teachers and volunteers who have made the African Community School an institution within the Community.

Principal Activity

The objective of African Community School is to improve literacy among people living in Hackney in general, particularly to those of different ethnic minorities thereon. The main objectives of African Community School are:

a) To advance the academic education of children from the ages of 5 to 16 years plus through the provision of various out of school education support / activities/projects.

b) To provide teaching support and learning of National Curriculum Subjects.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT (continued)

- c) To promote and raise awareness amongst community groups, parents, and teachers on supplementary education.

Additional matters on activities

The Trustees are grateful for all the support the organisation gets from the funders, individuals, and other community organisations. Their extended support made it possible for us to reach our present stage of development. In particular we are very grateful to all our main funders, the community, children centres Management, users, parents, and careers.

Volunteers make a great contribution. We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent with members, parents and working with young people and children and supporting with food packaging and delivery to doorsteps during the lock down. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity activities during the year were the provision of blended learning Supplementary Education and encouragement to learning for young people between the ages of five to sixteen plus.

In addition:

- Provided food parcels to families
- Run various parent awareness workshops/seminars on educational and cultural issues
- Empowerment for parents' classes
- Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) for parents
- Youth programmes and mentoring
- Family learning courses
- Adult Learning Courses: Accredited ICT training, Functional English and Mathematics, PC Maintenance, Launching Online Business, L2 Certificate in Preparing to work in Adult and Social and Level 2 Certificate in Caring for children and young children.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Between April 2020-21, ACS supported

- 250 children online with their curriculum subjects in English, Maths and Science.

- 350 parents/adults gained new skills online
- 5,500 families supported with cultural food parcels during the pandemic - A funding host partner for Woodberry aid a smaller organisation
- [Barnardo's See, Hear, Respond England](#) - a consortium of national and community-based charities and other partners, working together to assist vulnerable children, young people, and their families that were adversely and disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdown measures that were been implemented in response to the crisis.

One of the key achievements over the 2020/21 were the continued efforts to ensure that ACS actively supported children, young people, and families with education activities in a holistic way providing the wrap round services in the community. ACS engaged with 150 volunteers and worked in collaboration with other agencies in the community to support families.

The African Community School adapted online services at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, which brought significant changes to the organisation's operation. Our supplementary education support, adult learning and family learning stopped at Princess May school with Covid infections on the rise (with social distancing measures in place).

The Covid-19 lockdown had a significant impact on children and adult education online as a barrier to accessing online activities. We were fortunate to receive 20 tablets and internet access top-up from Good Things Foundation and 25 laptops donated to families by Barnardo's Children Charity and Hackney Giving fund.

Over the past year, African Community School has grown in strength and adapted rapidly to the changes to support the community we serve. ACS also increased working opportunities for volunteers and networking with other organisations and agencies within the food network in Hackney and improved strong working relationships with the local authority.

Despite all the pandemic challenges, African Community School has continued to support children, young people, and families in need through weekly food parcels, educational support and emotional support to families.

During the pandemic, the organisational core incomes were heavily impacted due to the loss of sustainable income from recurring donations/grants over a sustained period but received huge amount of short-term emergency funds to support families.

Supplementary education and Wellbeing programme all year round targeting young people and children for three hours /week morning session reaching 90 children weekly at Princess May site before the coronavirus pandemic and adapted to an online

platform during the coronavirus pandemic to support 250 children online which benefited other children from outside the borough.

- Young people were fully engaged with the 1-1 and group extra tuition in English, Maths and Science / Literacy and Numeracy support. They received mostly educational help with their mainstream work and homework.
- Funding has enabled us to provide experienced, dedicated educators/teachers to improve performance for primary and secondary school subjects: KS1 to KS4 along with the holistic support they needed coping with the situation staying at home without much support from their family.
- Most young people were able to receive educational and emotional /therapeutic support after intervention support.
- Workshop Provision of holistic support to young people and their families along with telephone support to help young people mental wellbeing and emotionally given the opportunity for young people to have someone to talk to about their concerns.
- Provision of online Talk About it Tuesday (My Wellbeing and Me) supported twenty 13 to 17 years old.

Projects funded by Hackney main grant, South and Central Hackney Parochial grant, See Hear Response Barnardo's children charity, Coop, Awards for All Community Fund, Good Things Foundation

Adult learning, Parenting and Traineeship with Employability Course

- Free class for 350 adults focusing on accredited functional English, Maths, ICT, launching an online business, PC maintenance, Adult and Social Care and Caring for young children Level 2, CV writing, interview, and digital skills.
- 35 parents benefited from our Empowerment for Parents and Non-Violent Resistance Parenting (NVR).
- 40 families benefited from our online creative arts and crafts classes. The courses funded by Hackney Learning Trust/Hackney Education, City Bridge, Awards for All, Equip grant, HCVS and Good Things Foundation.

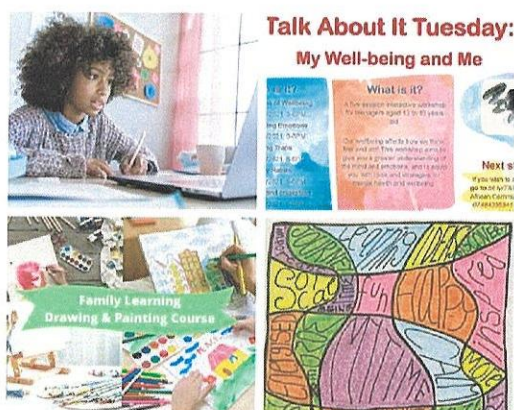
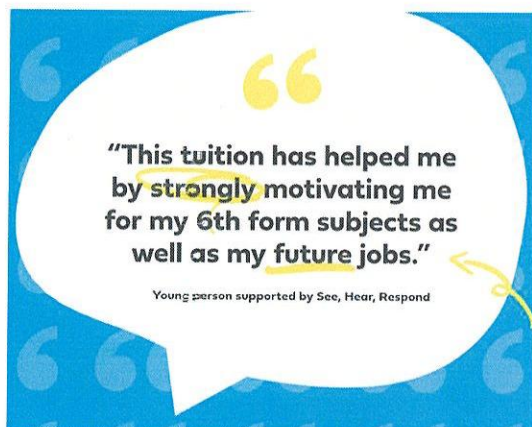
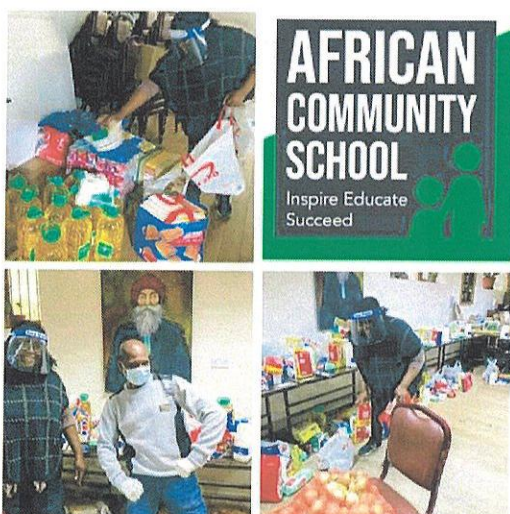
Host Partner

ACS received funding on behalf of Woodberry Aid as a host partner this enable the organisation to manage the grant on behalf of Woodberry aid.

Food Parcels distribution and Christmas gift to children

- ACS provided a wrap round service and supported 5,500 families with cultural and non-cultural food parcels during the pandemic. Funding from Coop, Hackney Council covid response fund, DEFRA, Hackney Giving, City Bridge, East Erd Foundation and Joseph Levy foundation.
- ACS provided Christmas gifts to 50 children in the community donation from Little Vil age children charity and Salvation Army charity

ACS 2020-2021 Highlights in Photos



STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

African Community School was established by a constitution on 7 July 2001 and is registered in England & Wales as a charity on 9 August 2001. Registered charity number 1087936 and Ofsted registered: EY550043

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee: At each AGM, the management committee members may retire but are eligible for re-election. All service users are eligible for nomination as trustees, as are other interested persons.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are furnished with the charity's constitution and other literature relating to the organisation and its work. They are briefed on their legal obligations under Charity Law, the committee and decision-making processes, and the charity's recent financial performance. Trustees attend an induction evening where they can meet other trustees, staff etc. They are also provided with a description of their roles and responsibilities. Trustees are also encouraged to attend external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Risk Management

The trustees have drawn up a risk register that provides dates and details of action to reduce the risks faced by the charity. The charity also purchases a range of insurances. The charity continually reviews the organisation's risk and has a comprehensive risk assessment policy and procedure.

Financial Review

There is a dramatic increase in the financial position of the organisation than the previous year with a surplus of £159,485 in 2021 from £14,839 in 2020 due to delay in activities and disruptions caused by Covid 19 Pandemic. The total funds retained at the end of the year are £420,236 which include £86,508 of unrestricted funds and £333,728 of restricted funds. Most of the surplus for this year will be utilised to fund delayed activities when social distancing restrictions are finally lifted.

Reserves Policy

The school has a policy of maintaining reserves of at least 3 to 6 months operating costs to enable it to cope with any sudden loss of income or adapt to changes with smooth transitions.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the project and the income and expenditure of the project for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the project will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the project. They are also responsible for safe guarding the assets of the project and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board on23/09/.....2021 and signed on its behalf by

Sign..........

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the African Community School 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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.

Sign
Ade Adebambo, MBA, ACMA, CGMA, ACG
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Date 6/10/.....2021.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Incoming Resources				
Donations, Legacies and Grants	-	286,837	286,837	123,687
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	3,415	-	3,415	11,261
Total Incoming Resources	3,415	286,837	290,252	134,948
Charitable activities	1,351	129,416	130,767	120,110
Total Resources Expended	1,351	129,416	130,767	120,110
Net Incoming Resources	2,064	157,421	159,485	14,839
Balances brought forward	84,444	176,307	260,751	245,912
Fund balances carried forward	86,508	333,728	420,236	260,751

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

		2021	2020
	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors -Rent Deposit/hmrc Jrs grant	-	1,361	
Cash at Bank and in Hand	422,036	261,446	
	422,036		262,807

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors and Accruals	-	256	
Accountancy Fees / Bookkeeping	1,800	1,800	
	1,800		2,056
	420,236		260,751

REPRESENTED BY:

FUNDS:

Unrestricted Fund	86,508	84,444
Restricted Fund	333,728	176,307
	-	-
	420,236	260,751

Approved by the Management Committee on 23/09/ 2021
and signed on its behalf by:

Sign [Signature] Chair

Sign [Signature] Treasurer

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the report of the Trustees /trustees all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statements of Recommended Practice for charity accounts.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirements to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity

1.2 Incoming Resources

Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities on the earlier date of when they are received or when they are receivable, unless they relate to a specific future period, in which case they are included on the Balance Sheet as deferred income to be recognised in the future accounting period.

1.3 Grants received for specific purposes are accounted for as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.4 Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

1.5 Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incomes received or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available for general funds.

1.6 Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.

1.7 Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 (continued)**

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CREDITORS 2021	2021	2020
	£	£
PAYE/NIC	-	256
Accountancy Fees/ Bookkeeping	1,800	1,250
	1,800	1,506

3.0

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DETAILED INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Grants, Legacies and donations				
Barnado Children charity	-	28,824	28,824	-
Joseph Levy Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	3,722	3,722	-
Building a Stronger Britain Together(BSBT)	-	-	-	10,013
East End Foundation Emergency Fund	-	5,993	5,993	4,702
City Bridge Trust	-	15,096	15,096	-
Coop Flexible	-	4,085	4,085	-
HCVS: Family First (NVR)	-	-	-	6,900
Create Your Future	-	-	-	1,331
Hackney Giving	-	3,000	3,000	-
HCVS - Other	-	47,327	47,327	12,241
Equip Fund ESFA / DWP	-	1,247	1,247	-
LB Hackney - Test & Trace	-	27,283	27,283	-
Main Grant	-	25,635	25,635	26,847
DEFRA fund	-	4,999	4,999	-
Food Parcels	-	23,923	23,923	-
COVID 19 Response	-	9,958	9,958	-
Good Things Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-
The Learning Trust - Adult Learning	-	38,731	38,731	54,931
Woodberry Aid	-	10,000	10,000	-
Award 4 All Community Fund	-	9,542	9,542	-
South Hackney Parochial	-	5,040	5,040	-
Central Hackney Parochial	-	5,000	5,000	-
Goliblite European Union	-	1,809	1,809	6,722
AVIVA	-	612	612	-
Income from other Activities	3,015	-	3,015	10,914
Sum Up/ Others	-	2,011	2,011	-
Museum of London	-	-	-	348
Groundwork London/ Museum of London	400	-	400	-
Total Incoming Resources	3,415	286,837	290,252	134,948

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DETAILED EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
OUTGOING RESOURCES				
Sessional Workers	-	28,167	28,167	18,646
Staff Salaries/ENIC	-	43,378	43,378	57,534
Tutors Fees-	-	400	400	4,246
HMRC Charges	-	547	547	11,148
NEST Pensions	-	1,908	1,908	820
Rent/ Room Hire	-	1,586	1,586	12,922
Food Parcel	-	14,494	14,494	-
LBH Test & Trace	-	14,066	14,066	-
Teaching Materials	-	7,073	7,073	4,313
Refreshment	-	-	-	454
Website Maintenance	-	-	-	58
Subscriptions & Membership/ Exam fees	-	72	72	2,964
Data Protection Registration	-	35	35	35
Ofsted Registration fees	-	114	114	114
DEFRA Fund	-	4,997	4,997	-
Woodberry Aid	-	10,000	10,000	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	1,200
Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	169
Telephone	-	225	225	523
Stationery & Postage	-	306	306	668
Transport & Travel	-	-	-	457
Accounting & Bookkeeping	-	1,182	1,182	2,133
Accountancy Fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Accountancy Fees written off	-	-	-	250
Insurance	-	868	868	656
Sundry Expenses	151	-	151	102
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	1,351	129,416	130,767	120,110