

AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1087936

OFSTED REGISTRATION NUMBER: EY550043



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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
31 MARCH 2022**

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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Management Committee Trustees	Caroline Anne Hickey.....Co-Chair
	Cherry . Josiah.....Treasurer
	Mary Fasipe.....Secretary
	Amii Louise McIntosh.....Member
	Joshua Tulloch Member
	Rosalind Joseph Member

Charity Registration Number	1087936
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Registered Office	C/O Hackney CVS The Adiaha Antigha Centre 24-30 Dalston Ln, Dalston London E8 3AZ
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Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc Kingsland Branch P. O Box 3628 London E8 2JX
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Independent Examiners	London Accountancy Practice 161 Sumner Road London SE15 6JL
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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Chair / Trustee Report

The Trustees are grateful for all the support the organisation received from the funders, individuals, children centres Management (Mapledene and Linden CC) 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, service users, parents and careers. Volunteers make a great contribution. We are grateful for many hours volunteers have spent with members, parents and working with young people and children. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

The activities of the Charity during the year continue despite all the changes and challenges to the service due to covid 19 and less funding for our core cost the organisation continue with their commitment supporting the community tiredness with low manpower and resources.

My appreciation to all the trustees, teachers and volunteers who have made the African Community School a place 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.
- c) To promote and raise awareness amongst community groups, parents and teachers on supplementary education.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT (continued)

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity activities during the year were the provision of blended learning Education and training and encouragement to learning for young people between the ages of five to sixteen plus via supplementary education support, adults and family

In addition:

- Provided cultural and non cultural food parcels (5,500 families and pensioners) and Tesco vouchers to families (100 families)
- Provision of under 5 vouchers (300 under 5s vouchers)
- Run various parent awareness workshops/seminars on educational and cultural issues
- Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) for parents
- Youth programmes and mentoring
- Family learning courses
- Adult Learning Courses: Accredited ICT training, Essential Digital Skills for Work and Life, 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 2021-22, ACS supported

- 500 children online and 50 face to face with their curriculum subjects in English, Maths and Science.
- 500 parents/adults gained new skills online
- 5,500 families and pensioners supported with cultural food parcels
- 100 families received Tesco food Tesco vouchers
- 300 under 5s received Tesco vouchers
- 400 families received support with gas and electricity top-up monthly
- 40 families received free laptops to access online learning

One of the key achievements over the 2021/22 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 80 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 and continue to date, 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 ACS discontinued their services at Princess May after the relaxation of covid 19 due to the new management and high rent cost.

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 continue with our services with funding received from various funders.

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.

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 350 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 and 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.
- Access to cultural and healthy fresh food, data connectivity, gas and electricity top-up. Families were supported to access additional services and community support such as minds for their mental well-being, other services on the Hackney map, CAB and educational support for their children.

Projects funded by Hackney main grant, South and Central Hackney Parochial grant, Barnardo's children charity, Coop, Hackney Giving, Hackney Council, Goliblite European Union fund

Adult learning, Parenting and Family Learning Course

- Free class for 500 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.
- 25 parents benefited from our Non-Violent Resistance Parenting (NVR) funded HCVS/ Growing Minds Project
- 70 families benefited from our online creative arts and crafts classes. The courses funded by Hackney Learning Trust/Hackney Education, Equip grant and HCVS/ Growing Minds Project

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 and Tesco vouchers. Funding from Coop, Hackney Council Test and Trace fund and Hackney Giving
- ACS provided Christmas gifts to 80 children in the community donation from Little Village children charity, ELBA and Salvation Army charity

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 school than the previous year with a surplus of £28,891 in 2022 from £159,485 in 2021. The total funds retained at the end of the year are £449,127 which include £87,155 of unrestricted funds and £361,972 of restricted funds.

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 2022**

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 on28th November.....2022 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 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the African Community School for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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
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Date 25th January 2023.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Incoming Resources				
Donations, Legacies and Grants	2,000	200,087	202,087	286,837
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	1,892	3,750	5,642	3,415
Total Incoming Resources	3,892	203,837	207,729	290,252
 Charitable activities	 3,244	 175,593	 178,837	 130,767
Total Resources Expended	3,244	175,593	178,837	130,767
 Net Incoming Resources	 647	 28,244	 28,891	 159,485
 Balances brought forward	 86,508	 333,728	 420,236	 260,751
 Fund balances carried forward	 87,155	 361,972	 449,127	 420,236

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	2022	2021
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Fixed Assets		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors - Rent Deposit/hmrc Jrs grant		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	456,128	422,036
	456,128	422,036
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	5,201	
Accountancy Fees / Bookkeeping	1,800	1,800
	7,001	1,800
	449,127	420,236
REPRESENTED BY:		
FUNDS:		
Unrestricted Fund	87,155	86,508
Restricted Fund	361,972	333,728
	449,127	420,236

Approved by the Management Committee on 28 November 2022
and signed on its behalf by:

PP Sign [Signature] Chair

Sign [Signature] Treasurer

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022**

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 2022 (continued)**

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CREDITORS 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
PAYE/NIC	5,201	-
Accountancy Fees/ Bookkeeping	1,800	1,800
	<u>7,001</u>	<u>1,800</u>

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DETAILED INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Grants, Legacies and donations				
Barnado Children charity	-	1,200	1,200	28,824
Joseph Levy Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	2,188	2,188	3,722
East End Foundation Emergency Fund	-	-	-	5,993
City Bridge Trust	-	-	-	15,096
Coop Flexible	-	1,135	1,135	4,085
Hackney Giving	-	4,000	4,000	3,000
HCVS - Other	-	31,134	31,134	47,327
Equip Fund ESFA / DWP	-	7,568	7,568	1,247
LB Hackney - Test & Trace	-	37,860	37,860	27,283
Main Grant	-	9,705	9,705	25,635
Under 5 Voucher	2,000	18,000	20,000	-
DEFRA fund	-	-	-	4,999
Black History Month	-	250	250	-
Food Parcels	-	-	-	23,923
COVID 19 Response	-	-	-	9,958
LBH grant for Woodberry Aid (Host grant)	-	-	-	10,000
Good Things Foundation	-	-	-	3,000
The Learning Trust - Adult Learning	-	66,711	66,711	38,731
Award 4 All Community Fund	-	-	-	9,542
South Hackney Parochial	-	8,000	8,000	5,040
Central Hackney Parochial	-	8,000	8,000	5,000
Golblite European Union	-	4,337	4,337	1,809
AVIVA	-	-	-	612
Income from other Activities	1,887	-	1,887	3,015
Other Summer Activities	-	3,750	3,750	2,011
Interest Earned	5	-	5	-
Groundwork London/ Museum of London	-	-	-	400
Total Incoming Resources	3,892	203,837	207,729	290,252

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DETAILED EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
OUTGOING RESOURCES				
Sessional Workers	-	30,749	30,749	28,167
Staff Salaries/ENIC	-	53,658	53,658	43,378
Tutors Fees	-	-	-	400
HMRC	-	16,176	16,176	547
NEST Pensions	-	2,753	2,753	1,908
Rent/ Room Hire	-	4,759	4,759	1,586
Food Parcel	-	3,656	3,656	14,494
LBH Test & Trace	-	18,908	18,908	14,066
Teaching Materials	-	7,340	7,340	7,073
Under 5 Vouchers	2,000	18,000	20,000	-
Subscriptions & Membership/ Exam fees	-	1,886	1,886	72
Data Protection Registration	-	35	35	35
Ofsted Registration fees	-	114	114	114
DEFRA Fund	-	-	-	4,997
LBH grant for Woodberry Aid (Host grant)	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Hackney Giving	-	3,155	3,155	-
Black History Month	-	600	600	-
Telephone	-	554	554	225
Stationery & Postage	-	277	277	306
Barnados exps	-	866	866	-
Accounting & Bookkeeping	-	1,208	1,208	1,182
Accountancy Fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Insurance	-	899	899	868
Sundry Expenses	44	-	44	151
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED				
	3,244	175,593	178,837	130,767