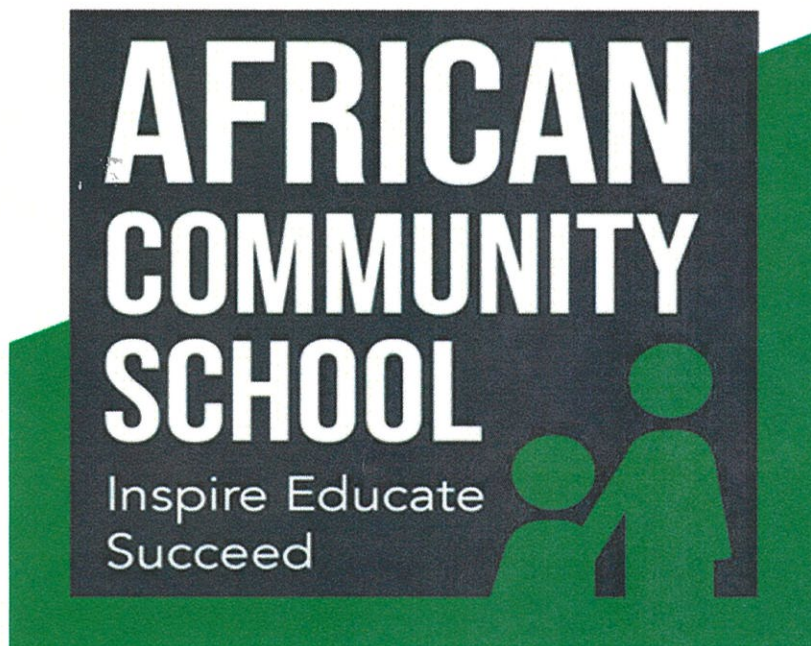


**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1087936**

**OFSTED REGISTRATION NUMBER:**



**LONDON ACCOUNTANCY PRACTICE**  
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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
31 MARCH 2024**

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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
COMPANY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Management Committee Trustees	Caroline Anne Hickey .....Chair Myles Ejegi-Memeh..... Co-Chair/Secretary Joshia Cherry .....Treasurer Amii Louise McIntosh.....Member Mary Fasipe.....Member Rosalind Joseph .....Member
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Charity Registration Number	1087936
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Registered Office	African Community School  The Print House 18-22 Ashwin Street, Hackney London E8 3DL
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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 2024**

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Chair / Trustee Report**

I am incredibly grateful to be able to steer and support The African Community School through another successful year. Gratitude extended for the continued support of all funders and donors, without such we would not be able to deliver a strong programme of supportive and diverse educational programmes. I also thank the work of our current trustee board and dedicated staff, volunteers and mentors. We continue to be in a stable position both financially and resourced sufficiently with our staff team and programmes. We continue to have a solid presence within the community we serve and work within.

The activities of the Charity during the year continue from strength to strength, despite challenges facing the charitable sector and pressure on local services, due to the cost-of-living crisis. Happy that we are able to support parents, carers, children and young people with practical solutions and supportive learning environments and experiences.

As an organisation we are dedicated and committed to providing support and educational activities so that children, young people, their families and carers can achieve their aspirations and goals.  
2024-2025 We look forward to another year of growth through the hardwork of our experienced trustee board and excellent leadership in our program manager Kome Owuasú and qualified staff team.

*Caroline Hickey*  
Chair African Community School

**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.

### **Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

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

In addition:

-  Provided gas/electricity top-up support (200 families)
- Tesco vouchers to families (500 families)
- Strengthening Family Community Parenting
- Deliver various parent awareness workshops/seminars on educational and cultural issues
-  400 children received face to face support with their curriculum subjects in English, Maths and Science
-  Wellbeing creative activities to 200 adults
- Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) classes for parents to 60 parents
- Youth programmes and mentoring
-  Family and community learning courses
-  600 adults gained new skills through the provision of Adult vocational and non-vocational 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, L3 Diploma Early Years Educator, L3 Certificate in Understanding Mental Health, L2 Award in Awareness of Dementia, L2 Award in Food Safety in Health and Social Care and Early Years and Childcare Settings. L3 Emergency First Aid at work.

### **ACHIEVEMENT, PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT**

Between April 2023-24,

One of the key achievements over the year was the continued efforts to ensure that ACS actively supported children, young people, and families with education activities in a holistic way, as per our aims and objectives.

ACS engaged with 120 volunteers and worked in collaboration with other agencies in the community to support families.

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.

African Community School has continued to support children, young people, and families in need through food vouchers and fuel support vouchers, educational support and emotional support to families.

We continue to work collaboratively with Mercers and the Propel funding organisations'. We also continued working within the Well-being network to support holistically children and young people and their family's mental health and wellbeing.

**Supplementary education, mentoring, Summer holiday food programme and Wellbeing programme** all year round targeting young people and children for three hours /week morning session reaching 450 children at The Bridge Academy, Laburnum Street.

- 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.
- Best you Can Be mentoring supported young people 9-18 years old to be matched with professional mentors for the mentoring schemes supported individual young people with their educational attainment, social skills and exploring future plans.
- 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 Hackney minds for their mental well-being, other services on the Hackney map, CAB and educational support for their children.
- Supported 35 children during the summer holiday programme through the

provision of free holiday activities, free play/sports and hot meal.,

Projects funded by The Mercers (Propel grant), Hackney and Central Hackney Parochial grant, Barnardo's children charity, Hackney HAF fund and Coop,

### **Adult learning, Parenting and Family/Community Learning Course**

- Free vocational and non-vocational class for 600 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, L3 Diploma EYE, Digital skills, CV writing, interview, and digital skills. L3 Certificate in Understanding Mental Health, L2 Award in Awareness of Dementia, L2 Award in Food Safety in Health and Social Care and Early Years and Childcare Settings. L3 Emergency First Aid at work.
- 60 parents benefited from our Non-Violent Resistance Parenting (NVR) funded CAMHS Alliance & HCVS/ Growing Minds Project
- 30 parents benefited from SFSC Parenting programme funded by the Hackney council community infrastructure grant
- 400 families benefited from our online creative arts and crafts, fitness, mindfulness and wellbeing classes. The courses funded by Hackney Education and Hackney and City Minds

### **Tesco food vouchers, toiletries distribution and Christmas gifts to children**

ACS provides wrap round services that enabled us to support 4000 families with toiletries and Tesco vouchers along with wellbeing support.

We are extremely grateful for funding from Coop, Hackney Council household support fund, ELBA and Hackney Giving.

ACS provided Christmas gifts to 100 children in the community with donations from Ivy Street Family Centre and ELBA

### **ACS parenting and family programme made the following impact:**

- Increase digital skills and access to online services
- Parents are better able to support their child's education and engage in the school community
- Improve the basic skills of 75% of parents and the early literacy of children
- Develop stronger communities leading to increased civic engagement, and social integration.

**Saturday school and holiday programme impacted young people in the following ways:**

- Positive attitude towards learning → better behaved, more motivated
- Reinforce positive cultural identity
- Increase in self-esteem & self-awareness
- Better understanding of cultural background
- Increased educational attainment.



## **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 awaiting to re-register for Ofsted

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 as in previous year with a surplus of £4,366 in 2024 and £56,166 in 2023. The total funds retained at the end of the year are £509,659 which include £87,678 of unrestricted funds and £421,981 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 2024**

**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 on 20-12 - 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Sign. L. A. Hekey chair

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the African Community School for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the organisation, 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 Charity'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, CPFA, MBA, ACMA, ACG,  
London Accountancy Practice  
161 Sumner Road  
Sojourner Truth Centre  
London SE15 6JL

Date 9 / 01 / 2025

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Donations, Legacies and Grants	-	234,933	234,933	244,023
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	2,368	-	2,368	1,627
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>234,933</b>	<b>237,301</b>	<b>245,649</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2,120	230,815	232,934	189,483
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>230,815</b>	<b>232,934</b>	<b>189,483</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources</b>	248	4,119	4,366	56,166.07
<b>Balances brought forward</b>	87,430	417,863	505,293	449,127
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>	<b>87,678</b>	<b>421,981</b>	<b>509,659</b>	<b>505,293</b>

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors -Rent Deposit/hmrc Jrs grant	-	-
Cash at Bank and in Hand	511,659	517,996
	<b>511,659</b>	<b>517,996</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors and Accruals	-	10,853
Accountancy Fees / Bookkeeping	2,000	1,850
	<b>2,000</b>	<b>12,703</b>
	<b>509,659</b>	<b>505,293</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
<b>FUNDS:</b>		
Unrestricted Fund	87,678	87,430
Restricted Fund	421,981	417,863
	<b>509,659</b>	<b>505,293</b>

Approved by the Management Committee on 20-12- 2024  
and signed on its behalf by:

Sign E. A. Hickay Chair

Sign C. A. J. J. J. Treasurer

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**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 2024 (continued)**

**2.0**

<b>CREDITORS 2024</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Creditors and Accruals	-	10,853
Accountancy Fees/ Bookkeeping	2,000	1,850
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>12,703</u>

**3.0**

**DETAILED INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>Unrestricted Fund</b>	<b>Restricted Fund</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Grants, Legacies and donations</b>				
Barnado Children charity	-	6,000	6,000	1,001
Coop Flexible	-	1,868	1,868	-
Hackney Giving	-	-	-	7,730
Hackney CHB	-	-	-	500
HCVS - Other	-	1,800	1,800	34,111
Propel Funding	-	77,502	77,502	-
<b>LB Hackney - HAF Holiday</b>	-	5,145	5,145	-
Main Grant	-	26,214	26,214	14,909
Under 5 Voucher	-	-	-	14,800
Household grant	-	5,000	5,000	-
Emergency Food	-	-	-	5,000
Compass Wellbeing	-	10,784	10,784	-
Family Action NVR Parenting	-	20,060	20,060	-
Kick Start	-	-	-	6,721
Infrastructure	-	-	-	18,000
Hackney WBN	-	17,130	17,130	34,259
London Community Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Hackney Adult Learning	-	51,395	51,395	75,003
Paddington Development	-	-	-	4,988
Hackney Parochial	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Central Hackney Parochial	-	-	-	5,000
Volunteer Centre	-	1,470	1,470	-
Hackney & City Trust	-	-	-	2,000
Income from other Activities	1,318	-	1,318	1,627
Other Summer Activities	818	-	818	-
Heritage Program	231	-	231	-
Give as you Live	-	566	566	-
Interest Earned	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>2,368</b>	<b>234,933</b>	<b>237,301</b>	<b>245,649</b>

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 (continued)**

4.

**DETAILED EXPENDITURE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted Fund £</b>	<b>Restricted Fund £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<b>OUTGOING RESOURCES</b>				
Staff Salaries/ENIC	-	105,785	105,785	76,559
Tutors Fees/ Sessional Workers	-	26,270	26,270	23,790
HMRC	-	31,299	31,299	17,344
NEST Pensions	-	3,128	3,128	1,637
Rent/ Room Hire	-	25,233	25,233	13,963
Food Parcel / Refreshments	-	1,675	1,675	1,344
Volunteers Expenses	-	113	113	745
HAF Holiday scheme	-	1,650	1,650	-
Teaching Materials	-	16,337	16,337	6,910
Under 5 Vouchers / Creche	-	2,880	2,880	19,089
Subscriptions & Membership	-	567	567	1,795
Data Protection Registration- ICO	-	35	35	35
Ofsted Registration fees	-	-	-	114
Hoxton Health	-	7,131	7,131	3,015
Blackhawk Network	-	3,500	3,500	8,700
Hackney Giving	-	-	-	7,140
Telephone	-	158	158	182
Stationery & Postage	-	1,095	1,095	458
Barnados exps	-	733	733	1,001
Admin / IT	-	2,212	2,212	3,353
Saturday Sch Refund	80	-	80	-
Accountancy Fees	1,400	-	1,400	1,250
Insurance	-	1,014	1,014	958
Sundry Expenses	640	-	640	101
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>230,815</b>	<b>232,934</b>	<b>189,483</b>