

# SCHOOLGAMBIA

England & Wales · Charity number 1096152

## Details

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| Other names | GAMBIA: LINKS IN EDUCATION, GAMBLE BUILDING LINKS IN EDUCATION |
| Status      | Registered   |
| Legal form  | Other  |
| Registered  | 2003-02-21   |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>        |

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) TO ENABLE THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITIES IN THE GAMBIA AND WEST AFRICA AND SUPPORT THE TRAINING AND GOOD PRACTICE OF THEIR TEACHERS; 2) TO PROVIDE RELIEF FROM POVERTY IN THE GAMBIA AND WEST AFRICA; 3) TO ACHIEVE OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES WHICH HELP AND BENEFIT THE COMMUNITIES OF THE GAMBIA AND WEST AFRICA

**Activities:** Providing links with The Gambia enabling Gambians to improve quality of education through:  
\*Practical teaching skills\*Supply teaching materials \*Funding\*Building (Yalding School Farato)  
creating:-Environment for children to have best possible education-Benchmark for others to emulate-Place where teachers and others are welcomed to gain ideas & inspiration - impacting Gambian society

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** THE GAMBIA AND WEST AFRICA
- The Gambia

## Finances

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| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-05-31 | £31,397 | £21,022     | -      | -         |
| 2024-05-31 | £57,038 | £30,542     | -      | -         |
| 2023-05-31 | £30,702 | £29,683     | -      | -         |
| 2022-05-31 | £30,625 | £29,686     | -      | -         |
| 2021-05-31 | £25,784 | £11,101     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

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| Name                     | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------|------|-----------|
| BRENDA SHARPLES          |      |           |
| DEREK HUDSON             |      |           |
| KAREN ELIZABETH DI MARCO |      |           |
| PETER MACK               |      |           |
| TONY DI MARCO            |      |           |

**SCHOOLGAMBIA**

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# Accounts

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## **2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHARITY COMMISSION**

SchoolGambia has been active in the development of buildings and maintenance and been working on a succession plan on the academic and management side.

In January 2025 Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education agreed to take over the payment of salaries for the teachers in the school. This has relieved SchoolGambia of an ever increasing bill to pay the salaries, increments and payrises of the twenty teachers. The agreement is that the school can continue with its own management team and chosen Board of Governors and, thereby continue with its methods and principles in running a school that gives equal opportunity to all its pupils, provides individual learning opportunities and focuses on enquiry and understanding.

SchoolGambia pays a full-time librarian to organise loans and returns provide clubs for poetry, Scrabble and quiet reading. Supplies of books are generously donated by UK supporters and shipped from UK. Over the year there have been a few challenges to overcome and the Trustees are still investing a good deal of time into supporting the Librarian in his task.

In April 2024 the original Nursery School was completely renovated: new roof, ceilings inserted, electricity introduced so that ceiling fans and strip lights could be provided. A new terrace, the length of the building and tiled floors completed the work and the teachers and pupils are pleased with their new light, bright environment.

Also in April a team of sixth form students from our regular school in Kent (Sir Roger Manwood's) camped in the school for two weeks and worked in the classrooms. Both they and the teachers and pupils of Yalding BCS gain a great deal from sharing lessons, cultures and meals.

The Gambian First Readers scheme is firmly established in practice and our teachers are confident in using it. The pupils are benefitting enormously from reading as individuals and a team of our teachers has been formed to run workshops with two neighbouring schools who are being trained to use the scheme. The intention is to spread the training wider, possibly through the Early Years and Primary teachers' departments of the Gambia College.

The ILP classes (one to one learning for pupils in Grades 1-3 who need extra support) are proving very effective with some pupils achieving mastery in national exams.

We still need to work on covering the teaching hours set by the government by tightening up on teacher punctuality and adherence to

time-tables. We particularly need to adopt a stricter policy on dropping litter. Despite some sensitising, provision of bins and a teacher i/c of the environment, the habit of throwing litter on the ground (by teachers and pupils) is proving difficult to alter. The consequence is not only a dirty and untidy environment but far too much time wasted in picking up the litter at the end of break or beginning of school and this wastes valuable lesson time.

The movement towards handing over responsibility to the school management team is working well and we are also working on a succession plan for the retiring head teacher, deputy head/head of the nursery and one classroom teacher - all of whom are coming up for retirement.



## Receipts and payments accounts

|                        |                                 |    |                               |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period<br>from | Period start date<br>01/06/2024 | To | Period end date<br>31/05/2025 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Donations and other income                            | 4 431                                  |                                      | -                                   | 4 431                           | 27 408                        |
| Sponsorships  | 19 697                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 19 697                          | 11 038                        |
| Fundraising   | 1 892                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1 892                           | 13 084                        |
| Deposit Account Interest                              | 2 078                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2 078                           | 1 687                         |
| Mini Bus  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Other   | 1 323                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1 323                           | 1 710                         |
| Travel Refund   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Cancelled cheques                                     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Gift Aid Reclaim                                      | 1 976                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1 976                           | 2 111                         |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>31 397</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>31 397</b>                   | <b>57 038</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>31 397</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>31 397</b>                   | <b>57 038</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Other   | 670                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 670                             |                               |
| Christmas Cards                                       | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| Transfer to Gambia - salaries and expenses            | 19 000                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 19 000                          | 17 562                        |
| Travel Costs  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 1 350                         |
| Bank Charges  | 154                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 154                             | 185                           |
| Goods to the Gambia                                   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| Event Costs   | 265                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 265                             | 8 198                         |
| Printing and Advertising                              | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| Fundraising Expenses                                  | 629                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 629                             | 404                           |
| Insurance   | 304                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 304                             | 272                           |
| Commission for Fundraising                            | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 2 571                         |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               |                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>21 022</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>21 022</b>                   | <b>30 542</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>21 022</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>21 022</b>                   | <b>30 542</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>10 374</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>10 374</b>                   | <b>26 496</b>                 |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>98 067</b>                          | <b>14 737</b>                        | -                                   | <b>112 804</b>                  | -                             |

Cash funds this year end 108 441 14 737 - 123 178 26 496

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories  | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b>                                | Bank Accounts  | 108 441                            | 14 737                           | -                               |
|   | Unpresented cheque                                     | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>108 441</b>                     | <b>14 737</b>                    | <b>-</b>                        |
|   | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>                     | Details  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b>                         | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> | Details  | Fund to which asset belongs        | Cost (optional)                  | Current value (optional)        |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b>                               | Details  | Fund to which liability relates    | Amount due (optional)            | When due (optional)             |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|   |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

|           |              |                  |  |
|-----------|--------------|------------------|--|
|           |              | -                |  |
| Signature | Print Name   | Date of approval |  |
|           | Tony DiMarco |                  |  |
|           |              |                  |  |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

On accounts for the year  
ended

Charity no  
(if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**SCHOOLGAMBIA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1096152

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# Accounts

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## 2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHARITY COMMISSION

SchoolGambia has had a busy year. The Library building was completed and opened in November 2024 and SchoolGambia appointed one of the Lower Basic School teachers to be the full-time Librarian during the afternoon shift. His responsibility is to enable groups of pupils to use the Library frequently and regularly to borrow fiction and reference books, to join chess, draughts and scrabble clubs and to meet for Book Clubs and poetry readings.

Our Gambian First Readers reading scheme has been completed, resulting in ten graded books with supplementary books for consolidation. They follow the Gambian government guidelines for a phonics based system and the stories involve Gambian families, food, culture and adventures. We are embarking upon a programme for training other schools in the area to use the scheme. A team of our own teachers has been selected and the Cluster Monitor works closely with us.

We have trained two teachers to work with pupils who are struggling in the classroom and the results of this Independent Learning Scheme are encouraging. Many of the pupils respond well to the extra help and have achieved good results in school and national tests.

We now have two classes for each of the Grades (7-9) in the Upper Basic School. Pupils from our own Grade 6 automatically gain a place in Grade 7 and we set an entrance exam for pupils applying from other schools in order to maintain an equilibrium of standards. Our Grade 9 pupils performed very well in the national exams and most have gained entrance to the Senior Secondary School of their choice.

We welcomed back a team from Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich, Kent. Since 2007 this school has been sending twelve VIth form students and two teachers to work in the school but had to suspend visits in 2000. The students teach in the classrooms for two weeks and spend the weekends exploring the culture of the village and surrounding country, visiting compounds, learning local skills and joining in with Yalding Basic Cycle School students for debating, volleyball and football competitions.

The biggest project of this year has been to renovate the Nursery School building. The original two classrooms were originally built in 2000 by the villagers themselves. Two more classrooms were added, two offices, a storeroom and capacity for solar batteries. The renovation involves replacing the roof, putting in electricity throughout the block, inserting new ceilings, cupboards, lights, fans and retiling floors and repainting all walls.

We hope to start on renovating the Lower Basic storey building and adding an extra staircase by the end of 2025.



## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |                               |    |                              |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date<br>6/1/2023 | To | Period end date<br>5/31/2024 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Donations and other income                            | 24,108                                 | 3,300                                | -                                   | 27,408                          | 9,000                         |
| Sponsorships  | 11,038                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 11,038                          | 15,826                        |
| Fundraising   | 13,084                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 13,084                          | 3,267                         |
| Deposit Account Interest                              | 1,687                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,687                           | 471                           |
| Mini Bus  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Other   | -                                      | 1,710                                | -                                   | 1,710                           | -                             |
| Travel Refund   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Cancelled cheques                                     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Gift Aid Reclaim                                      | 2,111                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2,111                           | 2,138                         |
| <b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>                 | <b>52,028</b>                          | <b>5,010</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>57,038</b>                   | <b>30,702</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>52,028</b>                          | <b>5,010</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>57,038</b>                   | <b>30,702</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Other   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Christmas Cards                                       | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 204                           |
| Transfer to Gambia - salaries and expenses            | 17,562                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 17,562                          | 27,000                        |
| Travel Costs  | 1,350                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,350                           | -                             |
| Bank Charges  | 185                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 185                             | 177                           |
| Goods to the Gambia                                   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 1,110                         |
| Event Costs   | 8,198                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 8,198                           | 50                            |
| Printing and Advertising                              | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 25                            |
| Fundraising Expenses                                  | 404                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 404                             | 388                           |
| Insurance   | 272                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 272                             | -                             |
| Commission for Fundraising                            | 2,571                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2,571                           | 729                           |
|   |  |                                      |                                     | -                               |                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>30,542</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,542</b>                   | <b>29,683</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>30,542</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,542</b>                   | <b>29,683</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>21,485</b>                          | <b>5,010</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>26,495</b>                   | <b>1,019</b>                  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>76,582</b>                          | <b>9,727</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>86,309</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>98,067</b>                          | <b>14,737</b>                        | <b>-</b>                            | <b>112,804</b>                  | <b>1,019</b>                  |

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories           | Details  | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                      |  | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £    |
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | Bank Accounts  | 98,067             | 14,737           | -               |
|                      | Unpresented cheque                                     | -                  | -                | -               |
|                      |  | -                  | -                | -               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>98,067</b>      | <b>14,737</b>    | <b>-</b>        |
|                      | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                 | OK               | OK              |

| Categories                      | Details | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                                 |         | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £    |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |

| Categories                  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                             |         |                             |                 | -                        |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|   |         |                             |                 | -                        |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories            | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                       |         |                                 |                       | -                   |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name   | Date of approval |
|---|-----------|--------------|------------------|
|   |           | Tony DiMarco | 7/2/2024         |
|   |           |              |                  |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

SCHOOLGAMBIA

On accounts for the year ended

31/05/2024

Charity no (if any)

1096152

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/05/2024

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

10/03/2025

Name:

Susan Rowe

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

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**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

**SCHOOLGAMBIA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1096152

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# Accounts

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHARITY COMMISSION

SchoolGambia has had a very good year. After the frustrating delays during the pandemic we have returned to a normal routine of sending Trustees to the school twice a year and as a result we have been able to resume some of the projects that were planned for 2020.

The foundations for the proposed library building were dug in November 22 and the building was resumed in March 2023 under the supervision of one Trustee. He also supervised the installation of electricity, bookshelves and another Trustee worked with the newly appointed Librarian to catalogue over 500 books. The bright airy building is big enough to host workshops and meetings and future plans include opening the facilities to villagers and running classes for adults who want to learn to read.

The Reading Scheme that has been written especially for the school is near completion and in November 2023 the plan is to select from the staff, a team of teachers who are skilled and experienced enough to train teachers in other schools in the local Cluster.

One teacher returned in September 2022 after 6 months of confinement leave. She resumes her responsibility for leading phonics and reading. Another teacher is currently on confinement leave until April 2023. We employ temporary teachers to cover but they are seldom qualified and need support.

The end of academic national test and exam results for Grade 3 and 9 were very good and most pupils passed. This is a high achievement in a country where the failure rate is still very high. It is down to the quality of our teaching all the way through the school from Nursery to Grade 9. We insist on keeping class sizes small (4) and supplying text books, exercise books and pencils so that every pupils has the chance to learn

The Independent Learning Programme continues to be successful in helping slower pupils to catch up and even attain mastery in national tests. The teacher in charge works with very small groups to fill the gaps in their learning.

One of our ex pupils is training to be a primary teacher and SchoolGambia is sponsoring her. She has been able to do her teaching practice in the school.

Yalding School Farato has also been chosen to form an Association for Nursery Schools in the area to run workshops and arrange visits to participating schools in order to share good practice and support those schools that lack materials and expertise.

The regular team of 12 sixth formers from Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich have had to suspend their annual visits since 2020 but they are currently planning a visit in 2024. We look forward to welcoming them back.



## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |                               |    |                              |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date<br>6/1/2022 | To | Period end date<br>5/31/2023 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Donations and other income                            | 9,000                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 9,000                           | 3,150                         |
| Sponsorships  | 15,826                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 15,826                          | 11,722                        |
| Fundraising   | 3,267                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 3,267                           | 13,113                        |
| Deposit Account Interest                              | 471                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 471                             | 57                            |
| Mini Bus  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Other   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Travel Refund   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Cancelled cheques                                     | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 324                           |
| Gift Aid Reclaim                                      | 2,138                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 2,138                           | 2,260                         |
| <b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>                 | <b>30,702</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,702</b>                   | <b>30,626</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>30,702</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,702</b>                   | <b>30,626</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Other   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Christmas Cards                                       | 204                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 204                             | 245                           |
| Transfer to Gambia - salaries and expenses            | 27,000                                 | -                                    | -                                   | 27,000                          | 20,000                        |
| Travel Costs  | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Bank Charges  | 177                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 177                             | 134                           |
| Goods to the Gambia                                   | 1,110                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,110                           | 325                           |
| Event Costs   | 50                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 50                              | 8,471                         |
| Printing and Advertising                              | 25                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 25                              | -                             |
| Fundraising Expenses                                  | 388                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 388                             | 130                           |
| Insurance   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Commission for Fundraising                            | 729                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 729                             | 381                           |
|   |  |                                      |                                     | -                               |                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>29,683</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>29,683</b>                   | <b>29,686</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -                                      | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>29,683</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>29,683</b>                   | <b>29,686</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>1,019</b>                           | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>1,019</b>                    | <b>940</b>                    |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>75,563</b>                          | <b>9,727</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>85,290</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>76,582</b>                          | <b>9,727</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>86,308</b>                   | <b>940</b>                    |

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories           | Details  | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                      |  | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £    |
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | Bank Accounts  | 76,582             | 9,727            | -               |
|                      | Unpresented cheque                                     | -                  | -                | -               |
|                      |  | -                  | -                | -               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>76,582</b>      | <b>9,727</b>     | <b>-</b>        |
|                      | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                 | OK               | OK              |

| Categories                      | Details | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                                 |         | to nearest £       | to nearest £     | to nearest £    |
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |
|                                 |         | -                  | -                | -               |

| Categories                  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|                             |         |                             |                 | -                        |
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|   |         |                             |                 | -                        |
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories            | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|                       |         |                                 |                       | -                   |
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |         |                                 | -                     |                     |

| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-----------|------------|------------------|
|   |           | Kim Keeler | 7/12/2023        |
|   |           |            |                  |



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
SCHOOLGAMBIA

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1096152

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 05 / 2023.

**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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

**Signed:**

*Callum M. Findlay*

**Date:**

27 / 11 / 2023.

**Name:**

CALLUM MACDONALD FINDLAY

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

OBE

**Address:**

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**SCHOOLGAMBIA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1096152

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# Accounts

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## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 May 2022

### Review of Progress and Achievement

- 1. Fund raising:** We were able to run (a) the annual Craft Stall for the Baptist Church at their coffee morning in September 2021. This raised a modest but healthy amount and generated a lot of interest in the work of the charity. (b) The big fund raiser of the year was in November when we ran the Art Exhibition that was originally planned for 2020. It was well attended and the quality of art was very high. We raised a record £4000. We plan to run this event every two years. (c) we sold Christmas cards in late 2021 and these continue to be popular despite a fall in card sending. We do not make a big profit but they generate interest due to the artists being local.
- 2. Publicity**– we sent out our annual newsletter in August 2021. This is mostly done electronically but we still have a substantial number of letters to post. We are trying to reduce this.
- 3. Education** – there are three schools within the Basic Cycle terminology: Nursery (3–7 year olds); Lower Basic (LBS) (8–13 year olds) and Upper Basic (UBS) (14 – 16 year olds). They operate under one Head Teacher. There are 640 pupils in the whole school. The UBS has expanded in 2020 to two classes per year group giving us 240 pupils. The Grade 9 (final year) results were very good and Yalding BCS came within the top ten of pupils gaining the highest marks. The focus is upon every child reaching his or her potential rather than giving priority to the “clever” children.
- 4. In the Nursery School** All four teachers are qualified but one has been absent due to a broken ankle so we have had to temporarily employ an unqualified teacher. The other three teachers have been working in the school for twelve years or more and operate really well as a team. The Head of the Nursery department has worked in the school for nearly twenty years and knows her teachers well. They are all open to new ideas and are prepared to support each other. The Reading scheme, using our own Gambian First Readers was working really well with the older class until the teacher went absent. It is now being revived and we look forward to more sustained progress when the Nursery 4 teacher returns from maternity leave.
- 5. The Lower Basic School** – the newly qualified teacher has joined the team as teacher in charge of pupils who need extra time to learn. He is also responsible for running the small library. The young teacher previously responsible for this role is now being sponsored by SchoolGambia to attend teacher training college. She does her teaching practice in the school. The teachers who we sponsored last

year will complete their qualifications in the summer of 2022. Both have received very high marks so far. The results of the National Attainment Tests for Grade 5 were very good. There are six teacher trainees from the Gambia College of Education who are doing their training in the school.

6. The Upper Basic School - this continues to be run by a team rather than one manager. For the most part this works. The UBS attends during the second shift in the afternoon and operates more or less separately to the other two departments.
7. The new trainee Bursar has had a few problems settling into the job but she has been supported by one of our trustees as well as the Senior Management Team in the school.
8. Buildings and maintenance- the plans for refurbishing the school are still on hold due to the impact of travel restrictions. However, in March 2022 two trustees were able to visit the school (after 2 1/2 years of absence) to sort out plans and employ a reliable builder. The Nursery School refurbishment will take place in 2023 and the Library will be built in November/December 2022. The pump has had to have a replacement motor and that operation was carried out in March 2022 by one trustee, the night watchman and the teacher in charge of the environment. It was a very good opportunity to train local people to maintain the operations.
9. The Board of Directors supports the Senior Management Team (SMT), together with the Head Teacher. The Board is a team of volunteers from the village, some of whom have been involved with the school since it started in 2000. The members are a very supportive group who have a good range of experience (bank manager, schoolteacher, Peace Corps manager, executive in the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education) and meetings have been much more frequent this year and the working relationship with the school has been productive.
10. Volunteers and Visits: Two trustees visited for two weeks in March 2022 but the team from a school in Sandwich have not been able to volunteer since March 2020. They plan to return in March 2024.



## Receipts and payments accounts

|                            |                               |           |                              |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| <b>For the period from</b> | Period start date<br>6/1/2021 | <b>To</b> | Period end date<br>5/31/2022 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Donations and other income                            | 3,150                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 3,150                           | 1,500                         |
| Sponsorships  | 11,722                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 11,722                          | 13,764                        |
| Fundraising   | 13,113                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 13,113                          | 2,534                         |
| Deposit Account Interest                              | 57  | -                                    | -                                   | 57                              | 45                            |
| Mini Bus  | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Other   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Travel Refund   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Cancelled cheques                                     | 324                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 324                             | -                             |
| Gift Aid Reclaim                                      | 2,260                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,260                           | 2,245                         |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>30,625</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,625</b>                   | <b>20,089</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>30,625</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>30,625</b>                   | <b>20,089</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Other   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Christmas Cards                                       | 245                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 245                             | -                             |
| Transfer to Gambia - salaries and expenses            | 20,000                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 20,000                          | 10,000                        |
| Travel Costs  | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Bank Charges  | 134                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 134                             | 237                           |
| Goods to the Gambia                                   | 325                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 325                             | 325                           |
| Event Costs   | 8,471                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 8,471                           | 80                            |
| Printing and Advertising                              | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Fundraising Expenses                                  | 130                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 130                             | -                             |
| Insurance   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 248                           |
| Commission for Fundraising                            | 381                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 381                             | 212                           |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>29,686</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>29,686</b>                   | <b>11,101</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>29,686</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>29,686</b>                   | <b>11,101</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>939</b>                                | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>939</b>                      | <b>8,988</b>                  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | 74,624                                    | 9,727                                | -                                   | 84,351                          | -                             |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>75,563</b>                             | <b>9,727</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>85,290</b>                   | <b>8,988</b>                  |

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories           | Details                 | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> |                         |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|                      | Bank Accounts           | 75,563                             | 9,727                            | -                               |
|                      | Unpresented cheque      | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b> | <b>75,563</b>                      | <b>9,727</b>                     | <b>-</b>                        |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK OK OK

**B2 Other monetary assets**

| Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

**B3 Investment assets**

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |

**B5 Liabilities**

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|-----------|------------|------------------|
|           |            |                  |
|           |            |                  |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name SCHOOLGAMBIA

On accounts for the year ended

31st MAY 2022 Charity no (if any) 1096152

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/05/2022

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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Callum M. Findlay Date: 25/11/2022

Name: CALLUM MACDONALD FINDLAY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): OBE

Address: MILL PLACE FARMHOUSE SYMONDS LANE YALDING, KENT ME18 6HA.

**SCHOOLGAMBIA**

England & Wales - Charity number 1096152

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# Accounts

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# Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 May 2021

## Review of Progress and Achievement

1. Fund raising: We were unable to do any face to face fund-raising at all due to the Covid restrictions but we had an excellent response to an appeal on line for donations towards our Gambian First readers Scheme. We raised over £1000 towards illustrating and publishing the books professionally.

2. Publicity– we sent out our annual newsletter in August 2020 and since, we have kept interest alive by posting on Facebook but there has been a limited amount of activity to report or share due to the restrictions on travel and problems with the internet connection in The Gambia.
3. Education – the school reopened in October 2020 under limited conditions. The timetable was altered to allow half the class to come in on alternate days. By working on Saturdays, the teachers were able to give all pupils a 3 day week. The focus was on catching up on the time lost since March 2020 when the school closed, and concentrating on numeracy and literacy. It has been a difficult year to ensure that all pupils develop and make up for lost time. There has been no opportunity for home schooling or classes on the internet.
4. In the Nursery School One teacher who has been studying for her certificate in Early Childhood Development qualified in April and so now all our teachers are fully qualified. Three of them have worked in the school for ten years and the Nursery Head has taught with us for nearly twenty years. Our Gambian First Readers scheme is working very well with the older children and the teachers are improving in their understanding of implementing this phonics based individual method.
5. The Lower Basic School - the teacher who we sponsored for his Primary Teachers' Certificate will qualify at the end of the academic year and return in September 2021 to teach in the school. SchoolGambia has agreed to sponsor a young teacher who has been working with the children needing extra help. She is a graduate of Yalding Basic Cycle School and it is very rewarding to know that she is a capable and enthusiastic trainee teacher. The Grade 5 teacher who we are sponsoring on a part-time Management course is doing very well and our G4 teacher will complete his university degree in computer science at the end of the academic year. Sponsoring these teachers is a worthwhile investment as the school benefits from teachers who develop professionally and the individual teachers are motivated to extend their skills and share them with the school. Our pupils continue to do well at the annual National Attainment Tests.
6. The Upper Basic School - there are now 2 classes for each year group from Grades 7-9 and despite the restrictions of Covid and the school being closed for six months, the Grade 9 pupils did exceptionally well in their national exams in May 2021. The team who share the management have worked very well together.

7. Our Bursar left in December 2020 and has been replaced by another graduate of the school. She has been employed as the School Secretary so far but is coping well in her new role with the support of the Head Teacher, SMT and one Trustee who is training her on line.
8. Buildings and maintenance– maintenance of classrooms, furniture, the water pump and the solar panels is ongoing. The pump has needed several repairs and this has been possible by communication on WhatsApp. The teacher who has newly been appointed to take care of the pump and the school environment is very diligent and reliable. Plans to refurbish the Nursery in April 2020 are still on pause as is the plan to erect a purpose built library. The Trustees who have been appointed to oversee these building projects hope to return to Farato in early 2022.
8. The Board of Directors supports the Senior Management Team (SMT), together with the Head Teacher. The Board is a team of volunteers from the village, some of whom have been involved with the school since it started in 2000. They have all worked well together to steer the school through the challenges of working under Covid. Cases in The Gambia fluctuated in the rainy season, especially July to September, but fortunately Farato has not suffered. The application for subvention (when the government pay the teachers' salaries) has been submitted and we await a decision.
10. Volunteers and Visits: we have not been able to visit the school this year. Overall support in UK and smooth running of the school in The Gambia have gone surprisingly well under the circumstances. We look forward to a much more active year in 2021-22.



## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |                               |    |                              |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date<br>6/1/2020 | To | Period end date<br>5/31/2021 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Donations and other income                            | 1,500                                     | 5,695                                | -                                   | 7,195                           | 1,048                         |
| Sponsorships  | 13,764                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 13,764                          | 16,297                        |
| Fundraising   | 2,534                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,534                           | 4,199                         |
| Deposit Account Interest                              | 45  | -                                    | -                                   | 45                              | 102                           |
| Mini Bus  | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 12                            |
| Other   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Travel Refund   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Cancelled cheques                                     | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 7                             |
| Gift Aid Reclaim                                      | 2,245                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 2,245                           | 2,425                         |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>20,089</b>                             | <b>5,695</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>25,784</b>                   | <b>24,090</b>                 |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>20,089</b>                             | <b>5,695</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>25,784</b>                   | <b>24,090</b>                 |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Other   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Christmas Cards                                       | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 480                           |
| Transfer to Gambia - salaries and expenses            | 10,000                                    | -                                    | -                                   | 10,000                          | 31,000                        |
| Travel Costs  | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Bank Charges  | 237                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 237                             | 90                            |
| Goods to the Gambia                                   | 325                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 325                             | 106                           |
| Event Costs   | 80  | -                                    | -                                   | 80                              | -                             |
| Printing and Advertising                              | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| Fundraising Expenses                                  | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 102                           |
| Insurance   | 248                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 248                             | -                             |
| Commission for Fundraising                            | 212                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 212                             | 134                           |
|   |   |                                      |                                     | -                               |                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>11,101</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>11,101</b>                   | <b>31,912</b>                 |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>11,101</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>11,101</b>                   | <b>31,912</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>8,988</b>                              | <b>5,695</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>14,683</b>                   | <b>- 7,822</b>                |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>65,636</b>                             | <b>4,032</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>69,668</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>74,624</b>                             | <b>9,727</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>84,351</b>                   | <b>- 7,822</b>                |

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories           | Details                 | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> |                         |                                    |                                  |                                 |
|                      | Bank Accounts           | 74,949                             | 9,727                            | -                               |
|                      | Unpresented cheque      | - 325                              | -                                | -                               |
|                      |                         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b> | <b>74,624</b>                      | <b>9,727</b>                     | <b>-</b>                        |

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK OK OK

**B2 Other monetary assets**

| Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

**B3 Investment assets**

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

| Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |
|         |                             | -               | -                        |

**B5 Liabilities**

| Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |
|         |                                 | -                     |                     |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|-----------|------------|------------------|
|           |            |                  |
|           |            |                  |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
School Gambia

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st May 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1096152

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/05/2021

As the charity's trustees, 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

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below\*)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Callum M. Findlay

Date:

16/1/2022

Name:

CALLUM MACDONALD FINDLAY

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2022.

As the charity's trustees, 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, which are under section 140 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable provisions given by the Charity Commission under section 140(3)(a) of the Act.

The financial statements prepared by the charity are not qualified to indicate the examination by being a true and fair view of the financial position of the charity.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters of concern have come to my attention in connection with the accounts which require explanation which gives me cause to believe that at any material time:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 122 of the Charities Act;
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting principles;
- the accounts did 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 requiring that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no doubts and have no other matters of concern in connection with the accounts to which attention should be drawn in the report in order to ensure a proper understanding of the accounts is obtained.

\* Please delete the words in this sentence if they do not apply.

Name: James M. [Signature] Date: 16/1/2022

Name: Carole [Signature]

Relevant professional qualification(s) or title: Chartered Accountant (CA)