

## 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.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>SchoolGambia</b>	No (if any)
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 6/1/2021	To	Period end date 5/31/2022
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year 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</b> (Gross income for AR)	<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
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<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>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>74,624</b>	<b>9,727</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,351</b>	<b>-</b>
<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 to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds 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))

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

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval




# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### 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

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