

# *The David School Trust*

## Trustees Annual Report for Calendar Year 2021

### Annual Accounts

The accounts for the calendar year 2021 show a closing balance of £24,687 compared with £25,964 twelve months ago. Total income for the year amounted to £26,084 as against £34,209 in 2020. Spending of £28,214 meant an in year budget deficit of £2,130. Again this year the accounts will need to be independently examined.

### Review

Pupils continue to prosper thanks to the hard work of the staff. There have been no reports of Covid in the areas around the school but basic hygiene rules continue to be observed. Regular handwashing is now a part of their everyday lives.

The pandemic and our inability to visit the school have meant development of other means of communication, notably electronic. We are able to speak via WhatsApp at minimal cost and this has been of great assistance in monitoring and developing links with staff. Discussion of priorities helps to inform decision making and to develop the idea of joint working. In addition Trustees are able to respond more quickly to requests when necessary.

This improved link with the school and staff lead us to a clear view of the daily operation of the school. Pupil numbers are stable with now more than 400 on roll. The average class size is around 40, higher in early years but lower in senior classes.

The Trustees are aware of general improvements in the teaching and learning not just through exam results but also in other communal activities. Attitudes to education are very positive through effective staff direction. Leadership of the school teams is excellent, a clear set of rules, high expectations and recognition of achievements are bringing pupils to new higher levels of development. This process is supported with the provision of extra help for the most needy and sanctions for

those who choose not to conform or contribute. Classroom assistants are now employed to work alongside teachers. Most of these young people are themselves former pupils of the school.

The school teaches the National Curriculum of West Africa and has a very good reputation within the Port Loko District. It is recognised for its excellent results, fine facilities and forward looking attitudes. The Deputy Director recommends all teachers to visit and it is used as a meeting centre for Headteachers, often hosting around fifty.

Many of our staff are highly regarded by the authority and have been given wider responsibilities within the local education system. For example our senior school Headteacher has been made Head of the local examination centre during exam weeks.

Valuable programmes such as support for orphaned children, keeping girls in school and improved environmental awareness all continue as part of the whole school curriculum.

Development of teachers through training continues to be a priority and we can report that two more female trainees are close to completing their full teacher training. These are early years' specialists which will strengthen provision at this stage. We would also like to report that a senior secondary leader has embarked on a part-time degree course at the University in Freetown.

These programmes are funded by our partner Rotary Clubs in Norway. This staff development provides immeasurable benefit for the pupils at the school.

Support for the development of individual members of staff also brings loyalty from them to our project. Over the years of the life of the school, very few have chosen to leave. We are building a local community.

Whilst recognising and showing gratitude for the moral and financial support of benefactors, the Trustees have been conscious of controlling spending as incomes continue to decline. Reductions have been less marked than in previous years but the deficit amounts to 8% of overall income.



Because of Covid restrictions it has still not been physically possible to update interested and supportive groups by visiting them. Publicity through newsletters, website postings and occasional newspaper articles have all been used. The situation seems to be easing and several events are planned for 2022 with the intention of trying to increase income through these direct contacts.

Staff salaries and related employer's pension contributions continue to be the major expense. Wages are paid in cash on the last Thursday of each month and pension funds to the Government agency NASSIT four times each year. Staff pay 5% of their income and the charity pay 10%. Teachers qualify for pensions after 15 years contributions.

The Ministry of Education in Sierra Leone has not yet made their promised financial support for teachers' salaries and pension contributions. Planned dates continue to change and presently only three of our staff are government funded. They have provided some school stationery and food for primary pupils on an irregular basis.

The next major expenditure has been for maintenance of the school premises. The Trustees are pleased to report that two major donations have helped to fund new drainage provision and replacement batteries for the solar power system. Tropical rainstorms are a constant threat to the foundations of buildings and so is an ongoing issue. The batteries were part of the original system and have functioned well for almost eight years. Maintenance work on the toilet block is also a continuous process with a new generator and pump sent out from the UK in November.

Money continues to be allocated to transporting and shipping supplies to Sierra Leone. Two consignments have been sent during the year containing supplies and equipment.


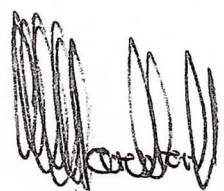


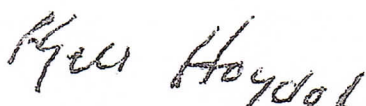
The Trustees are able to report that there have been no serious incidents at the school.

The Trustees applaud all that has been achieved and pay tribute to the volunteers who have worked tirelessly in trying conditions, all at their own expense. Regular newsletters and updates on the school website

[www.thedavidschool.co.uk](http://www.thedavidschool.co.uk) are posted to keep interested parties informed. Comments and contributions are always welcomed.

Together we are all making a difference to the life chances of our pupils, and feel that we are fulfilling the School's motto: 'Education Changes Lives'.

Original Signed by Trustees as a true record

David Wallwork		Trustee	Date 19/05/22
Marcus Horrell		Trustee	Date 19-05-22
Catherine Thomas		Trustee	Date 23/5/22
Janet Wallwork		Trustee	Date 21.05.22
Kjell Høydal		Trustee	Date 24 May 2022

THE DAVID SCHOOL TRUST  
Charity Number 1129314  
HMRC Reference XT19571  
Income Expenditure Account  
Year ended 31st December 2021

	2020	2021	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Gift Aid Donations			
Lump Sum and Small Donations Scheme	7392	5483	
Direct Debits	6450	6293	
	13842	11776	
Other donations and contributions	15744	11553	
Gift and Tax Reclaim	3460	2753	
Bank Interest	8	2	
	19211	14308	
Sierra Leone non UK Receipts	1156	0	
	34209	26084	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Teachers salaries wages	12073	11505	
Pension provision SL	1226	812	
Teacher training fees	4910	4721	
Vehicle, transportation, shipping costs	2992	1332	
Repair and maintenance	451	4322	
School Stationery and equipment	805	1969	
Food for pupils	1649	2235	
School Clothing	365	538	
Medical		362	
Volunteer costs	3460	0	
Website	119	263	
Bank Charges SL	187	153	
Miscellaneous	222	2	
	28459	28214	
Excess/Deficit Expenditure over income	5750	-2130	
Balance brought forward 1st January	20214	25964	
Balance carried forward 31st December	25964	23834	
Balance at bank(UK) Current Account	6632	2667	
Deposit Account	11690	15692	
Cash in hand UK	250	320	
Bank Sierra Leone	3932	3255	
	22504	21934	

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Balance Sheet at 31st December 2021

		2020	2021
Current Assets			
Sundry Debtors		£ 3,460.50	£ 2,753.00
Balance at Bank	UK	£ 18,322.34	£ 18,359.00
Bank Balance/ In Hand	SL	£ 3,932.00	£ 3,255.00
Cash in Hand	UK	£ 250.00	£ 320.00
Total Assets		£ 25,964.84	£ 24,687



## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The David School Trust

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of The David School Trust for the year ended 31 December 2021.

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine accounts under section 145 of the Act.
- follow the procedures laid down by the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect the:

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

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Signed:



Date:

19/5/2022