

# The David School Trust

## Trustees Annual Report for Calendar Year 2022

### Annual Accounts

The accounts for the calendar year 2022 show a closing balance of £32,218 compared with £24,687 twelve months ago. UK income of £33,242 and spending of £34,858 shows a deficit of £1,616 in the year

This was offset when personal interventions in our bank in Freetown cleared £10,000 which has been held for the last three years. This is money from Norwegian donors is held an account which for, reasons not clear to us, is only accessible in person in the bank. We hope to improve this arrangement during our next visit to the school this Autumn.

Inflation and the daily revaluation of the Leone make planning and reporting accurately sometimes difficult. In January 2022 one GBP was equivalent to 15 New Leones, at time of writing it is worth 27 New Leones. The Leone has been revalued at one thousandth of its former currency with now two currencies in circulation.

Debtors shows a large sum, £11,703, which is made up of two parts, Gift Aid claim for 2022 and the late recovery of volunteer costs caused by hastily rearranged travel plans. All this money was credited back to the charity in early 2023.

Again this year the accounts will need to be independently examined.

All the money raised is through donations and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters for their kindness and generosity.

Also thank you to the volunteers who give their time and physical help with collection, shipping and admin.

### Review

After the lockdown the plan was for two trips during 2022.

The first in March with a small group reviewing the situation and identifying needs, followed by a team visit in October/November to undertake the work.

Phase one happened with Catherine and Michael completing their visit as planned. They were able to review the situation, identify priorities, order materials and equipment and organise workers.

They found that lots of maintenance was needed, painting, roof repairs, replacing floor tiling on the veranda, furniture mending and chair replacement. Money also needed to be spent in improving security at the school as increasing levels of poverty was making our resources more attractive to possible thieves.

In addition they became aware of considerable stocks of boys and girls uniforms, soap and toothpaste, girls underwear and sanitary products, all of which need to be distributed. Staff were also asking for more training updates including medical/first aid, computer use and classroom management issues.

The priority was to send as much as possible before the planned October visit. Three large shipments through Sinneh Shipping included new chairs, donated computers and furniture, more uniforms and health and hygiene requisites.

Flights and accommodation were booked for a group of eight to travel to the school in October but unfortunately illness amongst our team meant that a postponement was needed. This was rearranged for March 2023 and we can report positively on a very successful trip.

The major change during 2022 was the establishment of our own Senior Secondary School which means that students can stay with us, take final exams and move directly to Further Education if they achieve the necessary grades. Some of our former students are currently at the University in Freetown. This addition is made possible as the Ministry of Education has decide to provide funding which makes us independent but government assisted. Parents also contribute to help to cover staffing costs and exam entry fees. All the part-time teachers

employed are graduates in their subjects and teaching is to the published West African curriculum.

This section of the school operates after the Primary and Junior Secondary pupils finish their school day at 2pm. Referred to in Sierra Leone as a 'second shift' arrangement. Many of these older young people walk many miles to access this opportunity. This arrangement means that more than 600 students are being educated each day. They range in age from five to twenty years.

What was launched as a small local primary school in 2008 is now the major educating force in the area. A massive achievement by a host of people.

All education for Primary and Junior Secondary pupils remains free, plus in addition, pupils are supplied with uniforms, shoes, school equipment and hygiene products. The Trustees are proud of this record and have no plans to instigate any changes.

Each section of the school continues to prosper with improved exam results, excellent attendance figures and fewer examples of misbehaviour. Most of the primary classes are larger than we would have hoped but this is down to popularity and daily food. This provision plus a culture of improved hygiene practices has shown an improvement in the general health of our children. Preventable diseases remain a problem in West Africa with malaria being common amongst the population. One of our generous supporters bought a supply of mosquito nets for students to use when they had to travel and stay at the registered exam centre several miles away from the school. These nets will be used for this particular purpose for a number of years.

For the first time in our accounts we show an amount spent on looked after children. These are special cases decided on an ad hoc basis in consultation with staff at the school. Included is general support for orphan children which includes food, medical needs and clothing. Some of our donors give money specifically for such purposes and it always the wish of the

Trustees that finances are transparent. We maintain the principle that all money raised is spent directly on the education of our children.

Although the Ministry has started to pay some of our teachers, salaries are our largest single expense. Any money saved is distributed to our own financed staff to keep their salaries in line with government funded teachers. Our staff are paid the equivalent of £60 each month.

Teachers receive their salaries through accounts if funded by the government or, in cash if not. The nearest ATM is 20 miles away which is inconvenient. Pension contributions are paid to the government agency NASSIT on a quarterly basis. This involves a trip to Makeni which is three hours away by public transport.

All staff now receive a verbal message from the Trustees on a monthly basis and are encouraged to respond by WhatsApp, text or email. This improved level of communication has proved very useful in advising, motivating and congratulating staff members. This has led to an increase in self- confidence resulting in them showing more initiative and development ideas.

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

More information on the structure and operation of the school is available via the website [www.thedavidschool.co.uk](http://www.thedavidschool.co.uk) which we try to update on a regular basis. We also produce a newsletter 'The David School Messenger' which is available on the website but can be delivered directly to interested parties by email. Please register your interest at [wallwork26@btinternet.com](mailto:wallwork26@btinternet.com)

Original Signed in May 2023 by the Trustees as a true record.

David Wallwork

Janet B Wallwork

Catherine S Thomas

K Høydal

M G Horrell

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**Charity Number 1129314**

Year Ended 31 December 2022

**INCOME**

**2021**

**Gift Aid Donations**

Lump Sum and Small Donations Scheme	£	5,483	
Direct Debits	£	6,293	
			£ 11,776
Other Donations and Contributions	£	11,553	
Gift Aid Reclaim	£	2,753	
Bank Interest	£	2	
			£ 14,308
Sierra Leone non UK Receipts	£	-	
			£ 26,084

**EXPENDITURE**

Teachers Salaries/Wages	£	11,505	
Pension Provision NASSIT	£	812	
Teacher Training Fees	£	4,721	
Shipping Costs and Transportation	£	1,332	
School Repairs and Maintenance	£	4,322	
School Furniture and Equipment	£	1,969	
Supported Students/Welfare	£	3,135	
Volunteer Costs	£	-	
Website	£	263	
Bank Charges SL	£	153	
Miscellaneous	£	2	
			£ 28,214
Excess/Deficit Expenditure over Income			<b>-2300</b>
Balance brought forward 1 January		£	25,964
Balance carried forward 31 December		£	23,834
Balance at Bank UK		£	18,359

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Balance at Bank SL	£	3,255
Cash in Hand	£	320.00
	£	21,934

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

**2021**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Sundry Debtors	£	2,753
Balance at Bank UK	£	18,359
Balance at Bank SL	£	3,255
Cash in Hand	£	320
	£	24,687

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**UNBROKE ROAD, WYKE, WILTS BA15 2ET**

**2022**

£	9,813		
£	6,319		
		£	16,132
£	13,073		
£	4,033		
£	4		
		£	17,110
		£	10,000
		£	43,242

£	8,543		
£	668		
£	2,159		
£	2,400		
£	3,728		
£	3,133		
£	5,100		
£	8,927		
£	137		
£	62		
£	1		
£	34,858	£	34,858
		<b>£</b>	<b>8,384</b>
		£	23,834
		£	32,218
		£	17,903



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£ 2,612

£ -

£ 20,515

**2022**

£ 11,703

£ 17,903

£ 2,612

£ -

£ 32,218

## 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 2022.

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:

31/5/2023