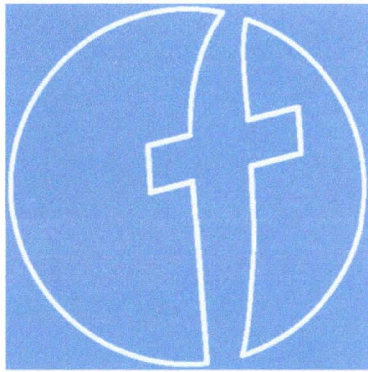


Faith in Schools Newham

**Statement of financial activities
For the period ending 31st July 2021**

**The Wakeling Partnership
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FAITH IN SCHOOLS

Trustee Report 2020-2021

Registered Address for the charity:

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*Faith in Schools is a registered charity No. 1147664
and a partner trust with Scripture Union*

Trustees

Mark Waterfield (Chair)
Rev Annie McTighe (Vice Chair)
Jill McWilliam (Safeguarding)
Brian Smith (National Project)

The trustees met three times during the year financial year. At these meetings they ensured the finances of the charity were in order, as well as made plans with the director to ensure the charities aims continue to be met. The trustees are in agreement that this is the case, and the accounts have been independently examined successfully.

The following statistics and activities report on the impact of our work for the duration of the academic year from Sept 20 – July 21.

Achievements and Activities

This report tells of our work in schools and with churches in Newham. Our aim is to advance the Christian faith amongst children and young people in their schools, in partnership with their local churches. Our vision is for every child and young person in Newham's schools to have the opportunity to meet, in their RE lessons, local Christians and discover what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

The disruption on our work from Covid-19, lockdown, the furlough of staff, and school closures has continued to impact on our service figures this academic year. The numbers do not accurately reflect the nominal demand for our services in a typical pre-pandemic year, however they do represent the opportunities that we have explored to take advantage of teaching online, connecting with churches virtually, and adaptation to our resources to meet the needs of our service users. As of the end of academic year 2020-2021, we have also experienced a growth in overall demand for our services in real terms of the number of schools that have booked us for lessons and events next term.

We taught **373 lessons** in **44 different schools** teaching **14,143 pupils**. We saw **3325** pupils at the Easter Experience and the Christmas Journey. **83 volunteers** from local churches have given over **401 hours** of their time supporting what we do in schools. Our average lesson score was **5.3** out of a potential score of 6 from lesson evaluations by teachers. This demonstrates sustained high-quality provision consistent with the last six years.

In addition to our volunteer training programme, we also coached **54** Christians online from different churches, across denominations and cultures to share their faith in response to our lesson questions on video. We continued to deliver our Christmas Journey and Easter Experience events live online which saw us work with **4,063 pupils** – back to our pre-lockdown numbers.

Faith in Schools - New Team for the New Normal

In January and March we appointed **Eguolo, Yvonne and Carol** as Schools Workers and looked forward to building our new team for 2020-2021. A rather unusual start however, as due to furlough and the subsequent lockdowns and school closures, they didn't actually get to meet any of the pupils in person in the classroom!

Despite this, the new team stepped up as Faith in Schools offered schools live RE online lessons over Zoom. Our new Schools Workers were able to find their feet by shadowing and delivering lessons, developing their teaching skills and experience by working with pupils virtually. They also build relationships with churches in their areas by interviewing local Christians for our 'Volunteers on Video' resources. They also invited churches to join us virtually in the classroom to share their faith from the comfort of their own homes! They have been a blessing, and we value their positivity, their perseverance and their pioneering spirit under unprecedented circumstances.



Eguolo Omonigho Schools Worker Stratford and Manor Park



Yvonne Tiley Schools Worker East Ham and Plaistow



Carol Baynes Schools Worker East Ham and Plaistow with Yvonne

#Despite A Pandemic - RE:Covery & RE:Discovery



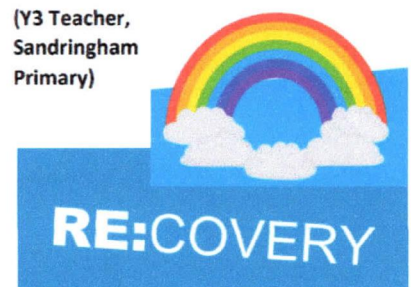
Lockdowns and school closures has been proven to have had a significant adverse impact on the mental health of children in Primary schools. In addressing this need, Faith in Schools developed a new curriculum to support **'the Recovery Curriculum'**.

Being authentic to our mission **'to advance the Christian faith'** in schools, we developed and delivered 12 new sessions based on a Bible story that provided an interactive 'mindfulness' or reflection activity. The sessions provide space and encourage children to experience their feelings and thoughts around living through the pandemic.

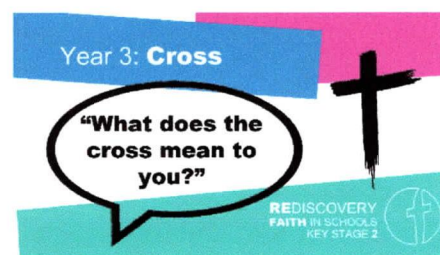
The sessions topics covered Loss, Bereavement and Hope, Justice (around Black Lives Matter), and Resilience with a different session for each topic for each Key Stage. We worked closely with several Primary Schools to trial the new resources.

"Just wanted to say thanks for today. The children loved it and learnt sooo much. We had our reflection at the end of the day - they loved the candle being lit!"

(Y3 Teacher, Sandringham Primary)



Covid restrictions required us to significantly adapt our RE sessions for live virtual delivery. In order to be fit for purpose and to apply best practice for teaching online, we incorporated interactive elements to all our sessions that would engage learners over the screen. This included sing-alongs and dance-alongs, craft & model building (with supplied resources), interactive storytelling and virtual tours and visits (including a 'can you spot the hidden artefacts' activity).



Having proven these sessions in the field, we began work packaging the resources in lessons kits and gave these resources the name '**RE:Discovery**'. We are working to officially publish these new resources, accompanied with our growing bank of 'Volunteers on Video' for churches and schools to deliver high quality Christian RE across England.



We knew it was important to capture Christian testimony and have a document of living through these unprecedented times. As Christians become more familiar with Zoom and Youtube doing church online we wanted to show that that **even when we are locked down in our homes – we can still share our faith!**

Easter Experience online!

Easter Experience 2021 saw us welcome **2040 pupils** via our first live virtual workshop tour to our brave and creative Newham host churches. Streaming into classrooms live from St Paul's (East Ham), St John's (Stratford), Woodgrange Baptist (Forest Gate), St Philips & St James (Plaistow), Canning Town Evangelical/ Cliff Walk Church (Canning Town) and St Mary the Virgin (Manor Park).



Pupils had an "access all areas" interactive tour around the building to search for evidence of the resurrection and Holy Week. Susanne, one of our new online volunteers said, **"I just wanted to express that it's such a privilege and great way to bless children!"** Each school had either a Body Moving, Whoosh Drama or Music Making workshop to learn and experience why and how Christians celebrate Easter.

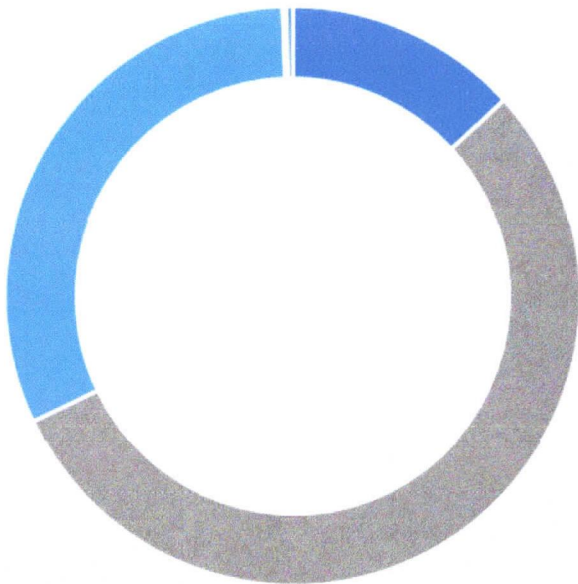
"The virtual trip was a great experience. The children really enjoyed it and were engaged. [They] enjoyed all aspects of the workshop and it was nice to see how the trip was adapted to be available on Zoom for the children to access." (Curwen Yr4 Teachers)

Safeguarding

The trustees have reviewed the charities practices and procedures around safeguarding of children who we come into contact with in schools. They have agreed that our practices are fit for purpose and are happy for the charity to continue to work under the safeguarding policies of the schools we work with. All volunteers have gone through our safeguarding training. There have been no instances of concern and no complaints received about the charities practices and procedures. All volunteers who work with us are DBS'ed through Scripture Union.

Our finances and figures

Our finances for this period go from April 2020 to July 2021. In this time our **income** was **£177,621** our **expenditure** was **£169,153**. Our charity continues to be in a positive financial position despite the impact of Covid on our work during this period. Whilst we have been in receipt of Covid furlough funding, we have also seen our local church giving continue to support us. Of the **£80,853** balance left in our account, **£12,672** is in restricted funds (including **£5,066** for our Synergy network of schools-work charities). The remaining **£68,181** in unrestricted funds is allocated towards wages from September 2021.

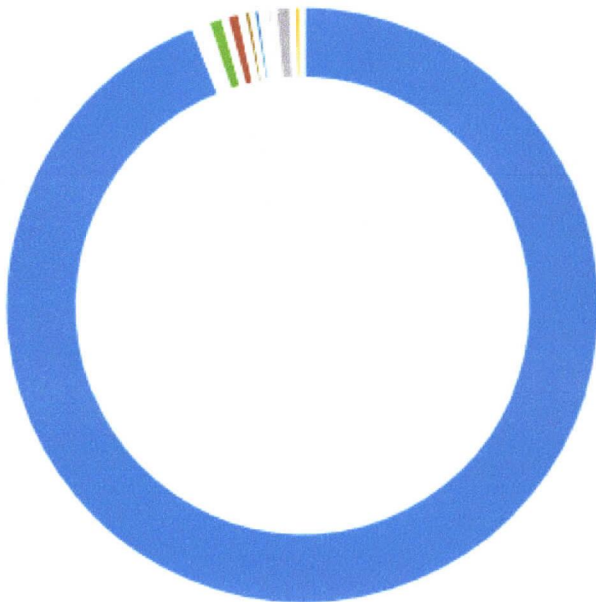


FiS Income 2020 – 2021

Income

Donations and other similar receipts

Donations and tax reclaimed	23,390
Grants	97,182
HMRC Covid Support	56,060
Sale of resources	300
Investment Income	68
Other Income	621
Total	177,621



FiS Expenditure 2020 – 2021

Expenditure

Charitable Payments & Activities

Salaries and Pension	159,146
Donations	600
Resources	198
Conferences	115
Training	248
IT & Equipment	1,688
Website	132
Synergy	1,394
Sharing Faith in Schools	200
Sundries	862
Repayment	833
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	455
Accounts	650
Finance Fees	46
Admin & Fees	1,705
Insurance	881
Total	169,153

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Receipts and payments account for the period to 31st July 2021

	1st April 2020 to 31st July 2021			2020 (1)
	Restricted Funds £	General Fund £	Total £	Total £
Receipts				
Donations and other similar receipts				
Donations and tax reclaimed		23,390	23,390	53,484
Grants	97,182		97,182	98,725
HMRC Covid Support		56,060	56,060	
Other Income				
Sale of resources		300	300	1,550
Investment Income		68	68	
Other Income	150	471	621	2,088
	<u>97,332</u>	<u>80,289</u>	<u>177,621</u>	<u>155,847</u>
 Charitable Payments & Activities				
Salaries and Pension	88,244	70,902	159,146	133,107
Donations		600	600	
Travel				477
Resources	183	15	198	756
Conferences	115		115	175
Training	248		248	489
IT & Equipment	1,688		1,688	1,149
Website	132		132	125
Christmas Journey				339
Easter Experience				813
IYM Books				540
Synergy	1,394		1,394	3,678
Sharing Faith in Schools	100	100	200	73
Sundries	260	602	862	861
Repayment		833	833	
Printing, Stamps & Stationery	455		455	1,330
Management and Administration costs				
Accounts	650		650	595
Finance Fees		46	46	
Admin & Fees	655	1,050	1,705	1,378
Insurance	881		881	868
	<u>95,005</u>	<u>74,148</u>	<u>169,153</u>	<u>146,753</u>
 Net receipts/Payments	2,327	6,141	8,468	9,094
Transfer between funds				
Balance Brought forward from previous year	10,345	62,040	72,385	63,291
Balance carried forward at end of period	<u>12,672</u>	<u>68,181</u>	<u>80,853</u>	<u>72,385</u>

(1) Accounting date changed. Current year is for 16 months to July 21 whilst comparative figures for 12 months to March 20.

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities at 31st July 2021

Assets	2021 (1) £	2020 (1) £
Cooperative Bank Current Account	51,108	51,158
Cooperative Bank Deposit Account	29,745	21,050
Paypal Account		177
	<u>80,853</u>	<u>72,385</u>
Accumulated Funds		
General Fund	68,181	62,040
Restricted Funds	<u>12,672</u>	<u>10,345</u>
	<u>80,853</u>	<u>72,385</u>

(1) Accounting date changed. Current year is for 16 months to July 21 whilst comparative figures for 12 months to March 20.

Non Monetary Assets

Non monetary assets

Furniture and fittings at insurance value £3,600

Liabilities

There were no outstanding liabilities at the year end.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on:

Signed on their behalf by:


Chair of FIS trustees

Position:

Date:

11/05/22

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Notes to accounts for period ended 31st July 2021

1) Accounting period

The accounting date changed during the year to enable reporting of activities against the academic year. The new year end is now 31st July which means the current year in these accounts is for 16 months whilst the comparative figures are for a 12 month period.

2) Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis

3) Restricted funds

The restricted fund have been applied solely for the purposes given and any shortfall is met out of general funds.

The balances on restricted funds consisted of the following funds:

	Opening balance	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfer to group funds	Closing balance
Salary and Staff Grants	2,666	97,182	92,476		7,372
Laing Grant	383		149		234
Synergy	7,296	150	2,380		5,066
	<u>10,345</u>	<u>97,332</u>	<u>95,005</u>		<u>12,672</u>

Salary and Staff Grants include:

Allchurches Trust	3,600
Bill Hill Charitable Trust	36,248
Methodist District Advance Fund	9,000
CHFD DBF Mission Opportunity Fund	10,000
St Christopher's Educational Trust	5,000
The Slavanka Trust	5,000
Jerusalem Trust	25,000
CHFB DBF London over the Borders Fund	3,334
	<u>£ 97,182</u>

4) Donations

A donation of £600 was made to Scripture Union

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of Faith in Schools

Registered charity number 1147664

On accounts for the period ended 31st July 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

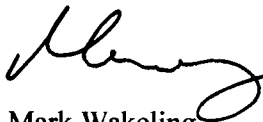
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

20th May 2022

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