



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Sep	2019		31	Aug	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Zenith Education
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	1157788
Charity's principal address	9 March Square
	Chichester
	West Sussex
Postcode	PO19 5AN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Benedict Charles Marsh	Chair		
2	Emma Marsh	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Articles of Association
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit to advance the education (including social and physical training) of children in the developing world, in particular but not exclusively, in India, in such ways as the charity trustees think fit.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Aims & Purpose:

After being established initially to support just one school, Zenith Education now supports twelve schools. This significantly improves the lives and education of the socio-economically impoverished children across four slum areas in the northern part of Mumbai.

Achievements:

Children in Malwani, one of the largest slums in Asia, are trapped in the well documented 'Poverty Cycle'. It is nearly impossible for families to escape this cycle without outside intervention.

Zenith Education continues to work through its expanding group of schools to provide children with an education. Education is recognised as one of the most important factors in allowing individuals to escape poverty. Zenith is also very proud to provide at least one working toilet in every school and has been involved with funding construction of toilets, in schools where none was available. Open-air defecation continues to be a huge challenge in India and all Zenith children have access to a toilet during the school day.

Public Benefit:

The Trustees, when making decisions, have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During this reporting period, Zenith Education has been severely impacted by the Covid pandemic. As has been widely reported in the media, India and in particular, its major metropolitan areas, has been severely affected.

As a result of the changing landscape and evolving situation, Zenith has had to respond appropriately.

The schools have been closed (under government instruction) since early 2020. At various points during the subsequent months there had been hopes that they could reopen, but closures now look set to remain until Q3, or even Q4, 2021.

Each school has been providing teaching and learning remotely where possible, but the range and impact of this has been limited by access to technology within each school's cohort. Access to phones, laptops, pads and internet access is very limited within the slum communities and so education for Zenith's children has been reduced.

Whilst education remains the Charity's priority, during the last 18 months, survival has become a concern for many of our communities and their populations. The schools have been involved in the provision of emergency food supplies where possible.

Zenith facilitated the purchase of a building in Malwani during 2019. This has not been able to operate as a school during 2020 and early 2021, so it has been utilised instead for storage and distribution of food; meeting space for the Heads and school leaders; a training centre for teaching staff and as a hub for remote teaching. Alongside all of our other schools, it will reopen as soon as local conditions and government guidance permit.

The division of the Zenith Group into two clusters of schools has proved very successful and the aim remains to develop and grow Cluster 2, and then repeat this process nationally during the next few years.

Fundraising remains a challenge, as always, for the charity. As with all charities, the pandemic has affected Donor motivation. That said, a significant donation was very gratefully received during 2020 which is reserved for CapEx work on Zenith's new building. This work has not been possible yet, but again, as soon as conditions allow it will be completed.

Another challenge this year has been the travel restrictions. This has precluded the Trustees from visiting the projects and led to a reliance on remote communications. This has been successful, but it is hoped that in-person communications can begin in 2021 or 2022.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Wherever possible, funds are allocated to a specific cost or project; if no such project is pending, funds are retained by the charity for future use by the schools.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Benedict Charles Marsh

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

25/5/21



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zenith Education

1157788

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Sep-19

To

31-Aug-20

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	21,563		-	21,563	76,866
Gift Aid	375	-	-	375	400
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,938	-	-	21,938	77,266
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,938	-	-	21,938	77,266
A3 Payments					
Donations paid	450	-	-	450	74,368
Cost of charitable activities (incl travel)	2,724	-	-	2,724	12,204
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,174	-	-	3,174	86,572
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,174	-	-	3,174	86,572
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,764	-	-	18,764	- 9,306
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	52,155	6,315	-	58,470	67,776
Cash funds this year end	70,919	6,315	-	77,234	58,470

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 £
B1 Cash funds	From last year	52,155	6,315	-
	Balance this year	18,764	-	-
	Balance this year	-	6,315	-
	Total cash funds	70,919	6,315	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Benedict Charles Marsh	25/05/2021