



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Sep	2020		31	Aug	2021

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 fourteen 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 Group children have access to a toilet and clean water 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 continued to be 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 continually evolving landscape and context, Zenith has responded appropriately. The schools have been closed (under government instruction) since early 2020. However, coaching classes have been permitted and so where possible, and where resources have allowed, some Zenith schools have offered these classes on a limited and safe basis. Zenith believes that whilst remote learning is necessary and pragmatic during this period, it is not optimal and cannot replace face-to-face learning.

Each school has continued to provide 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 impacted.

The division of the Zenith Group into two clusters of schools continues to prove very successful. The clusters have been able to cooperate and support each other during the pandemic. Once the pandemic is over, the aim is still to develop and grow Cluster 2, and then repeat this process during the next few years, with an ambition to take the methodology national.

Zenith has taken the first steps in supporting the mothers of children from its schools, via a local initiative. Many children have been kept away from school by families who require them to work or perform home duties. Zenith recognises that providing income for families, frees the children to attend school. Zenith is therefore supporting a project, helping mothers to make and sell paper crafts. This has already provided measurable success for the families and children.

Fundraising remains a challenge, as always, for the charity. As with all charities, the pandemic has affected Donor motivation. Travel restrictions also continue to impact Zenith's work. Trustees remain unable to visit the projects and continue to rely on remote communications. This has been successful, but again, is not optimal.

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

25/5/22



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zenith Education

1157788

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Sep-20


To

31-Aug-21

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	2,199		-	2,199	21,563
Gift Aid	401	-	-	401	375
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,600	-	-	2,600	21,938
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,600	-	-	2,600	21,938
A3 Payments					
Donations paid	-	-	-		450
Cost of charitable activities (incl travel)	69		-	69	2,724
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69	-	-	69	3,174
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69	-	-	69	3,174
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,531	-	-	2,531	18,764
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	70,919	6,315	-	77,234	58,470
Cash funds this year end	73,450	6,315	-	79,765	77,234

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	70,919	6,315	-
	Balance this year	2,531	-	-
	Balance this year		6,315	-
	Total cash funds	73,450	6,315	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Benedict Charles Marsh	25/03/2022