



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Sep	2021		31	Aug	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

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

This reporting period, represents another challenging year for Zenith Education. The lasting effects of the Covid pandemic on Donor behaviour have continued to impact receipts.

During the previous reporting period, all of the Zenith Group schools had been closed in response to Government directives. The Trustees are delighted to report that during this period, the schools have gradually reopened and children have been able to recommence face-to-face learning. Remote learning was effective as a short-term response to the pandemic, but educators would almost universally agree that in-person learning is optimal.

Each of our schools has recovered from the Pandemic well, but at different rates. The larger, well-established schools have proved most resilient, with numbers quickly approaching pre-pandemic levels. Our smaller and newer schools have found it more challenging, but initial signs are positive and numbers continue to grow. During the pandemic, many families became used to children being at home and there has been some reluctance to allow children to return to school. Sadly, this is because many children worked during the pandemic, often in illicit activities, bringing in extra household income.

Donations during this period have been limited. The trustees remain committed to providing funds that result in the highest-impact investing. Whilst the needs in our communities remain many and varied and we receive a large number of requests to provide financial support, the Trustees have pledged to invest in lasting, sustainable education projects only.

As the schools return to normal operations, Zenith's pre-pandemic planning remains in place. The aim is still to develop and grow our second cluster of schools and then repeat this process during the next few years.

The Trustees are also discussing strategies for taking the model of low-income school cooperation interstate. It is our belief, that with a new tranche of funding, our proven model could be developed and expanded, allowing more schools and their children & families to benefit from a robust education. We are seeking support from Donors for our concept.

## 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

25/3/23



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zenith Education

1157788

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Sep-21


To

31-Aug-22

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	1,957		-	1,957	2,199
Gift Aid		-	-		401
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	1,957	-	-	1,957	2,600
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1,957	-	-	1,957	2,600
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations paid	1,000	-	-	1,000	
Cost of charitable activities (incl travel)	5,781		-	5,781	69
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	6,781	-	-	6,781	69
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	6,781	-	-	6,781	69
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 4,824	-	-	- 4,824	2,531
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	73,450	6,315	-	79,765	77,234
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	68,626	6,315	-	74,941	79,765

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	From last year	73,450	6,315	-
	Balance this year	- 4,824	-	-
	Balance this year			-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>68,626</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Benedict Charles Marsh	25/03/2023	