



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Sep	2022		31	Aug	2023

## 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**

During this reporting period, Zenith schools have steadily recovered from the impacts of the Covid pandemic. Communities within the slums where Zenith works and operates have been resilient and life has returned to more normal routines.

All of the Zenith schools are open and fully-functioning. Numbers of students remains lower than pre-Covid and this puts pressure on each school's finances. It is also hard for the schools to predict resourcing requirements as numbers are still variable.

The return to face-to-face education has been undeniably positive, with educational standards returning to normal and children able to engage in activities such as sport and play. Academics are also able to take precedence again and across the Zenith schools there is a commitment to try and make up for the teaching and learning which had been impacted over the last two years.

The Zenith Group is still operating the two clusters of schools – a model which continues to prove very successful. Cooperation within each cluster and across the two clusters has enabled the individual school members to be resilient and successful.

Zenith has provided a variety of resourcing support for the schools during this reporting period. School furniture has been funded in some schools and stationery has been funded across every school within the group; in some cases this stretched to allow the purchase of school bags and uniforms. Various items of technology have also been funded and donated, allowing a slow, but steady improvement in access to IT facilities for the children and their communities.

Whilst fundraising remains a constant challenge, the Trustees remain positive about the future and are continuing to make strategic plans for the next five-ten years. Now that the worst of the pandemic appears to be over, a period of consolidation is necessary, but there is a focus on the future. These plans focus on strengthening the existing network of schools and planning for growth and development of the Group. We are aiming to expand to 20 schools, by the end of the academic year 2024.

Early discussions are also taking place with a number of intervention partners. The trustees are considering more training for teaching staff through a UK-based training organisation; a mentoring program for the Heads is being considered allowing them to develop and improve their leadership skills and the trustees are also hoping to implement a character-development program through martial arts, with the support of a UAE-based training academy. The trustees believe that a significant part of their role is to utilise connections to improve awareness and encourage support for the schools.

Zenith continues to support 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, allows 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.

## 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

13/6/24



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zenith Education

1157788

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Sep-22


To

31-Aug-23

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	43,434		-	43,434	1,957
Gift Aid	10,402	-	-	10,402	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>1,957</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,836</b>	<b>1,957</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Donations paid	3,553	-	-	3,553	1,000
Cost of charitable activities (incl travel)	9,937	-	-	9,937	5,781
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,490</b>	<b>6,781</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>13,490</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,490</b>	<b>6,781</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>40,346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,346</b>	<b>- 4,824</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>68,626</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,941</b>	<b>79,765</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>108,972</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>115,287</b>	<b>74,941</b>

## 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	68,626	6,315	-
	Balance this year	40,346	-	-
	Balance this year			-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>108,972</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<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	25/10/2023



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Independent Examiner's Report

Charity Name  
**Zenith Education**

31 August 2023

Charity no (if any)	1157788
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

Date: 26/03/2024

Name:

Rob Lelliott

FMAAT (10133651)

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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