



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Sep	2023		31	Aug	2024

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 twenty schools. This significantly improves the lives and education of the socio-economically impoverished children living in slum conditions.

Achievements:

Many children 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 across the developing world; 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, the Zenith schools have, for the most part, completed their recovery from Covid. Numbers of students have returned to pre-pandemic levels and in some locations, student numbers are higher. This is because competing schools have not been able to recover or survive and this has resulted in some transition-growth.

Academic standards are also returning to normal, though the full impact on the cohorts affected by two years of remote teaching is not clear at this stage. It may be some years before Covid's full impact can be qualified.

The Zenith Group continues to operate two clusters of schools – a model which is now proven as successful and sustainable. Cooperation within each cluster and across the two clusters remains strong and positive.

During the last reporting period, we noted early discussions with potential intervention partners. The Trustees are delighted to report that in both cases, these discussions were both positive and successful.

During the reporting period a selection of our key school leaders undertook a nine-month Mentoring program with a consultancy which donated its time pro bono. This allowed our leaders to focus on their own wellness and develop techniques for care of their staff. The program was a huge success and the Trustees recognise the enormous value that investing in leaders represents.

During this period a nine-month character-development program was also launched for the children in four schools. This was led by intervention partners and again provided pro bono. The children not only enjoyed the program, but it provided valuable soft-skills in communities where quality role-modelling is often lacking.

Zenith also continues to work with a Women's Empowerment program; the Trustees understand that by supporting their mothers, children can be encouraged to attend school.

Zenith has also had the opportunity to expand its operations to two new locations during this reporting period. Zenith was able to help with the construction of a sports centre in rural Nepal. This sports centre not only serves the school and its children, it acts as a local hub for the rural communities who use it for regular district meetings. Zenith also contributed to repair works for a building at the school damaged by flooding and landslides.

During the reporting period, Zenith has also helped with the construction of a small pre-school in rural Sri Lanka. This small project allowed an extra thirty village children to attend pre-school and start their education.

As for every charity, in the post-Covid environment, fundraising remains a constant challenge, but the Trustees remain positive about the future.

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

28/04/25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Zenith Education

1157788

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Sep-23


To

31-Aug-24

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	12,737		-	12,737	43,434
Interest	2,297	-	-	2,297	10,402
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,034	-	-	15,034	53,836
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,034	-	-	15,034	53,836
A3 Payments					
Donations paid	15,363	-	-	15,363	3,553
Cost of charitable activities (incl travel)	9,646	-	-	9,646	9,937
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,009	-	-	25,009	13,490
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,009	-	-	25,009	13,490
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,975	-	-	- 9,975	40,346
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	108,972	6,315	-	115,287	74,941
Cash funds this year end	98,997	6,315	-	105,312	115,287

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	108,972	6,315	-
	Balance this year	- 9,975	-	-
	Balance this year			-
	Total cash funds	98,997	6,315	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Benedict Charles Marsh	31/12/2024	