



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

for the period

From August 2024 Period start date To July 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Richmond Dutch School

Charity registration number: 1162146

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity provides Dutch language and Dutch/Flemish culture classes to primary school-aged children from homes with one or two Dutch-speaking parent(s), as a means to help these families maintain the Dutch language and retain links with their cultural heritage. The geographical limit of the charity is the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and close surrounding areas.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>During the year, the charity delivers Dutch language and Dutch/Flemish cultural education to primary school-aged children from families with one or two Dutch-speaking parents. Classes run once a week throughout term time, providing both structured language instruction and cultural enrichment activities such as celebrations of Dutch traditions, storytelling, music, and crafts.</p> <p>These activities support our charitable purpose by helping children maintain fluency in Dutch and fostering an appreciation of their cultural heritage. The charity's services are delivered in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and the surrounding areas, and are accessible to families who share this cultural and linguistic background.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in carrying out the charity's activities.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity relies on the contributions of volunteers to support its activities. Trustees serve on a voluntary basis, giving their time to oversee governance, planning, and financial management.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year, the charity successfully delivered regular Dutch language and culture classes to children from Dutch- and Flemish-speaking families in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and surrounding areas. These classes helped children maintain and develop their Dutch language skills in a supportive and engaging environment, which is particularly important for bilingual development and long-term fluency.</p> <p>Through lessons and cultural activities - including celebrations of traditional Dutch holidays and customs - the charity enabled children to deepen their understanding of their cultural heritage, fostering a strong sense of identity and belonging.</p> <p>The charity also contributed to the well-being of the wider community by creating a space for Dutch-speaking families to connect and support one another. This sense of community helps reduce isolation among expatriate families and reinforces cultural links across generations.</p> <p>Overall, the charity's work continues to make a meaningful difference in helping families preserve their language and cultural traditions, contributing to a more inclusive and culturally diverse local society.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the end of the financial period, the charity's reserves have decreased due to ongoing operating losses. These losses are primarily attributable to a reduced number of pupils attending classes, which has led to lower tuition fee income, the charity's sole source of funding.</p> <p>The charity continues to hold sufficient reserves to meet its current liabilities and commitments. However, the trustees are mindful of the need to restore financial sustainability and are actively taking steps to manage costs and increase income.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The charity aims to hold sufficient reserves to ensure that it can meet its ongoing commitments and liabilities, particularly to cover essential costs such as rent and staff salaries, in the event of fluctuations in pupil numbers or income.</p> <p>Reserves are held to provide financial stability and allow the charity time to implement strategies to increase income and reduce costs without compromising its charitable activities. The trustees regularly review the level of reserves to ensure they remain appropriate to the charity's needs.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15,902
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The trustees have reviewed the charity's financial position and future plans in light of recent operating losses and a reduction in pupil numbers. While these challenges create some uncertainty about the charity's future financial sustainability, the trustees have taken proactive steps to reduce costs and are actively working to attract more pupils to increase income.</p> <p>Based on these measures and the charity's current cash reserves, the trustees consider that the charity remains a going concern for the foreseeable future. The situation will continue to be closely monitored to ensure that appropriate actions are taken to secure the charity's ongoing viability.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal	Para 1.47	
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sources of funds (including any fundraising)		
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Under the charity's governing document, trustees are elected by the existing trustee body. All trustees are appointed in accordance with the provisions of the constitution, which sets out the process for election and the term of office.</p> <p>The trustees are responsible for identifying suitable candidates based on the skills and experience needed to support the charity's governance and objectives. New trustees are provided with an induction and background on the charity's work.</p> <p>There are no external bodies or individuals entitled to appoint trustees.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Richmond Dutch School
Other name the charity uses	RDS

Registered charity number	1162146
Charity's principal address	8 Warren Avenue RICHMOND Surrey TW10 5DZ

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	Sabine van Elsland	Chair		
2	Tom Vanoverschelde	Treasurer		
3	Marieke Imhof	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

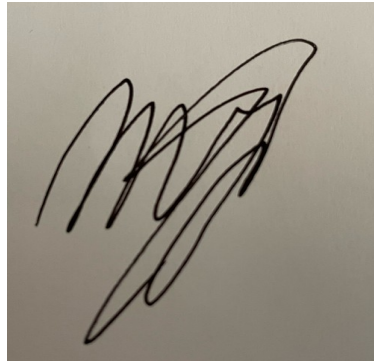
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Marieke Johanna Imhof

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

8 September 2025

Profit and Loss

Richmond Dutch School

For the year ended 31 July 2024

2024

Turnover

Other Revenue	220.50
Sales	16,066.05
Tuition Fee	10,194.25
Total Turnover	26,480.80

Cost of Sales

Direct Expenses	35.00
Direct Wages	2,827.35
Total Cost of Sales	2,862.35

Gross Profit

23,618.45

Administrative Costs

General Expenses	291.06
IT Software and Consumables	526.35
Printing & Stationery	125.00
Professional Teaching Services - Bought-in	16,606.00
Rent	2,312.50
Total Administrative Costs	19,860.91

Operating Profit

3,757.54

Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation

3,757.54

Profit after Taxation

3,757.54

Subject: Clarification Regarding Audit Requirement

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to clarify that, under current Charity Commission regulations for England and Wales, our charity is **not required to undergo a statutory audit**. This is based on the following:

- Our **annual income is below £30,000**, which is well under the audit threshold.
- We have **no direct employees**.
- Our **gross assets are below £3.26 million**.
- Our **governing document does not mandate an audit**, nor has any funder or the Charity Commission requested one.

According to the Charity Commission, an audit is only required if a charity's **gross income exceeds £1 million**, or if its **gross assets exceed £3.26 million and income exceeds £250,000**. For context, over the past years, we have been loss making most years due to a falling number of pupils and we need to be frugal on expenses.

Given our financial position and structure, we continue to meet our reporting obligations through annual submissions to the Charity Commission.

Please let me know if you need any further documentation or clarification.

Kind regards,

Tom Vanoverschelde

Treasurer

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