

L'ECOLE DES FILOUS

England & Wales · Charity number 1165754

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-02-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT IN EAST HERTFORDSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING TUITION TO BILINGUAL CHILDREN ATTENDING LOCAL SCHOOLS WHO HAVE AN EXISTING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE TO ENABLE THEM TO PRACTICE THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AS AN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY IN ORDER TO EXTEND THEIR WRITTEN AND ORAL LINGUISTIC SKILLS AND BY PROVIDING TUITION TO PROMOTE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE DIVERSE CULTURES OF THE FRENCH SPEAKING WORLD.

Activities: To provide tuition in the French language in East Herts/surrounding area to bilingual children attending local schools with an existing knowledge and understanding of the French language to enable them to practice the French language as an extra-curricular activity to extend their written/oral linguistic skills and promote their understanding of the diverse cultures of the French speaking world.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£10,360	£8,409	-	-
2023-12-31	£10,626	£12,190	-	-
2022-12-31	£10,180	£8,896	-	-
2021-12-31	£8,458	£6,947	-	-
2020-12-31	£7,122	£6,804	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Marine Yalicheff	Chair	2024-09-14
Benjamin Garcia		2025-01-18
Estelle Kerby		2024-10-12
Gaelle Morriseau		2023-09-09
Leopold Fischer		2025-06-28
NADEGE GALLE		2025-01-01
Solene Gilbert-Debaisieux		2025-01-17

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01-Jan-2024 (Period start date) To 31-Dec-2024 (Period end date)

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing language tuitions to bilingual children in East Hertfordshire and surrounding areas every Saturday mornings during term time for 2 hours. The quality of teaching has been valued by our members. Our teachers are all native French speakers and either qualified teachers or experienced and as a result the improvements in the children's language skills have been noticeable. <p>Our aim is to maintain small classes (about 8 children per teacher in each class) in order to maintain the impact of teaching on each pupil. We had 4 classes in the first 2 terms of 2024 down to 3 classes from september 2024, and 1 to 2 teaching assistants moving between classes in order to maintain that close relationship teacher/pupil or teaching assistant/pupil especially when there is a different level of aptitude in French within the same class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offering a French literature library with access for our students and their families.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising social and cultural events open to our students and their families. Through the years, we have arranged events linked to celebrations from all cultures, including French speaking countries. <p>Examples of some of our events are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop + cineclub themed around specific events/celebrations such as Easter, Halloween, Christmas ... • Musical shows in collaboration with another French school in Southgate • Trip to London to see films as part of the South Kensington Kids festival or puppet show organised by 'les parapluies FLAM' • Yearly participation in the Ware Carnival • End of year show followed by a picnic/buffet to celebrate 'Bastille day' • Christmas show • 2 to 3 day summer holiday club in July for our students to enjoy activities taught in French
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	N/A

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	N/A
Other		N/A

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>The year 2023 was our ninth year as l'ecole des filous.</p> <p>We have carried on working on improving our communication with our current students and their families but also with new potential students via our Facebook pages and Mailchimp, as well as improving our use of Quickfile, a software to manage our invoices to parents and suppliers and launching our new website. We have also continued using Seesaw to help with better and faster communication with the families and with the pupils around sharing homework and tracking progress.</p> <p>As in previous years, we have continued to transfer our passion of the French culture and language to our pupils. One of our teachers led several lunch club activities based on 'French' specific themes such as 'La galette des rois' in January, 'Pancake day' in February, or 'Easter egg hunt' in April. We organised our annual 'end of year' show mid July around 'Bastille day' and celebrated the olympic games since they were in Paris this year.</p> <p>As previous years, teaching the French language to children can be a challenge due to the different levels of speaking/understanding by the children within the same class due to the small size of the school, but the situation has been well managed again by the whole team of teachers, and all the pupils have shown great progress in their ability to understand, speak and write in French.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above for full details
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Our classes are attended in school premises in Ware, Hertfordshire, that are rented by the charity (cost of renting of £9 per hour per classroom, i.e. £72 for each Saturday sessions).</p> <p>Being now in our ninth year running, we have kept the small increase of the tuition fees initiated in September 2023, i.e. £145 for one child and £275 for two children, still maintaining a discount for siblings.</p> <p>The account shows a benefit this year. This is because due to having fewer pupils at the beginning of 2024 we have decided to decrease the number of classes from 3 to 2.</p> <p>With some of our reserve/income, we are still planning to spend it towards investing in new books for our library, organising some workshops, arranging trips to French speaking shows in or around London in collaboration with other French schools and maybe ultimately arranging an exchange with a French school.</p> <p>It has again been difficult to retain our pupils (This year we have had again less than 30 pupils attending our classes) so we are hoping this number will remain stable at least.</p> <p>In the future, we are still keeping in mind to potentially be able to open one or more classes to British children or adults alongside the bilingual children currently attending l'école des filous.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Being in our ninth year running, we are still not holding a reserve yet in a separate bank account as we had to spend some of the money towards a new website hoping this will help recruiting new families.</p> <p>We are aware that it is recommended, as a good practice, to hold a third of the running costs in a reserve account, and we are still hoping to be looking into this in the near future.</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	

Account – Year end 2024 (January to December)

Expenses		Income	
Teachers fees and management cost	£4,062.00	Tuition fees: School	£10,359.93
School rental costs	£2,700.00		
Other expenses	£1,189.10		
Insurance	£238.74		
FLAM subscription	£215.50		
Total expenses	8,409.35	Total income	£10,359.93
Benefit	£1,954.59		
Balance carried forward from 2023	£12,158.28		
Balance at the end of 2024	£14,112.87		

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity principal source of funds is the subscription fees from the families of the children joining in.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Due to the current increased cost of living, the number of pupils attending the school is potentially going to continue to decrease in the coming years. Also, it is getting harder to find French speaking native teachers since Brexit.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of charity trustees.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Part of 'Parapluie FLAM', French organisation grouping several Saturday morning schools teaching French and providing educational, cultural and administrative support.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	L'ecole des filous
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1165754
Charity's principal address	42 Heath drive WARE SG12 0RF

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	Nadege Galle			
2	Catherine O'Sullivan			
3	Xavier Mutzig			
4	Emilie VanBaalen			
5	Marine Yalicheff		Started Sep-24	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A	N/A	N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A	N/A	N/A
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		
N/A	N/A	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details



N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	 <small>Electronically signed by: Nadege Galle Reason: I am signing for the reasons as stated in the document. Date: Oct 29, 2025 21:59:38 GMT</small>	 <small>Electronically signed by: Benjamin Garcia Reason: I am signing for the reasons as stated in the document. Date: Oct 29, 2025 22:11:40 GMT</small>
Full name(s)	Nadege Galle	Benjamin Garcia
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	29-Oct-2025	29-Oct-2025

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School rental costs	£3,015.00		
Other expenses	£2,793.09		
Insurance	£216.06		
FLAM subscription	£101.50		
Total expenses	£12,189.65	Total income	£10,626.00
Deficit	-£1,563.65		
Balance carried forward from 2022	£13,721.93		
Balance at the end of 2023	£12,158.28		

Additional information (optional)

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2	Celine Pereira		Ended 15-Jul-23	
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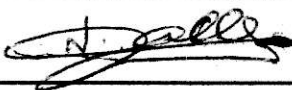
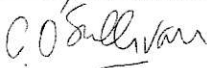
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Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nadege Galle	Catherine O'Sullivan
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	25-OCT-2024	25th October 2024

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You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above for full details
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>Our classes are attended in school premises in Ware, Hertfordshire, that are rented by the charity (cost of renting of £9 per hour per classroom, i.e. £72 for each Saturday sessions).</p> <p>Despite being now in our seventh year running, we have decided to keep the tuition fees per term the same, i.e. £140 for one child, £266 for 2 children and £385 for 3 children (maintaining 5% discount for the 2nd sibling and 10% discount for the 3rd sibling).</p> <p>The account shows that we are still managing to achieve self-sufficiency, this year.</p> <p>We are still trying to build up a reserve in order to invest into more books and DVDs for our library and also to organise more workshops and a few days as holiday club, arrange new trips to French speaking shows in or around London in collaboration with other French schools and maybe ultimately arrange an exchange with a French school.</p> <p>It has again been difficult to retain our pupils (This year we have had just under 30 pupils attending our classes) so we are hoping this number will remain stable. In the future, we are still keeping in mind to maybe be able to open one or more classes to British children or adults alongside the bilingual children currently attending l'école des filous.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>Being in our seventh year running, we are still not holding a reserve yet in a separate bank account as we thought we still don't have enough to put aside yet and we would like to spend the money accordingly to expand the school.</p> <p>We are aware that it is recommended, as a good practice, to hold a third of the running costs in a reserve account, and we are still hoping to be looking into this in the near future.</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	

charity continuing as a going concern		
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Account – Year end 2022 (January to December)

Expenses		Income	
Teachers fees and management cost	£5,714.00	Tuition fees: School	£9,799.00
School rental costs	£1,458.00	Lunch Club Activities	£380.50
Other expenses	£1,402.17		
Insurance	£216.06		
FLAM subscription	£106.00		
Total expenses	8,896.23	Total income	£10,179.50
Profit	£1,283.27		
Balance carried forward from 2021	£12,438.66		
Balance at the end of 2022	£13,721.93		

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity principal source of funds is the subscription fees from the families of the children joining in.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Due to the current increased cost of living, the number of pupils attending the school may decrease in the coming years.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of charity trustees.

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	As per constitution and including safeguarding training and DBS if deemed required.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Part of 'Parapluie FLAM', French organisation grouping several Saturday morning schools teaching French and providing educational, cultural and administrative support.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	L'ecole des filous
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1165754
Charity's principal address	42 Heath drive WARE SG12 0RF

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	Nadege Galle			
2	Celine Pereira			
3	Catherine O'Sullivan			
4	Xavier Mutzig			
5	Emilie VanBaalen		01-Sep-2022	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A	N/A	N/A

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A	N/A	N/A

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A	N/A	N/A
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		
N/A	N/A	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

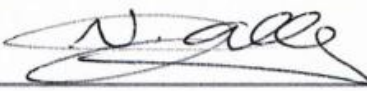

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Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nadege Galle	Catherine O'Sullivan
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	30 - OCT - 2023	30/10/2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date	Period end date
From	01 January 2021	To 31 December 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name L'ecole des filous

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1165754

Charity's principal address 35 Woodland road
HERTFORD HEATH

Postcode SG13 7QW

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	Nadege Galle			
2	Celine Pereira			
3	Catherine O'Sullivan			
4	Xavier Mutzig			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of charity 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.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance education in the French language and culture in such ways as the trustees shall think fit in East Hertfordshire and the surrounding area, in particular by providing tuition to bilingual children attending local schools who have an existing knowledge and understanding of the French language to enable them to practice the French language as an extra-curricular activity in order to extend their written and oral linguistic skills and by providing tuition to promote their understanding of the diverse cultures of the French speaking world.

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)

- Providing language tuitions to bilingual children in East Hertfordshire and surrounding areas every Saturday mornings during term time for 2 hours.

The quality of teaching has been valued by our members. Our teachers are all native French speakers and either qualified teachers or experienced and as a result the improvements in the children's language skills have been noticeable.

Our aim is to maintain small classes (about 8 children per teacher in each class) in order to maintain the impact of teaching on each pupil. When in September 2021 we had to downsize from 5 classes to 4 classes, one of the classes became slightly bigger with different level of aptitude in French, and therefore a teaching assistant joined in with the teacher in order to maintain that close relationship teacher/pupil or teaching assistant/pupil.

- Offering a French literature library with access for our students and their families.

- Organising social and cultural events open to our students and their families. Through the years, we have arranged events linked to celebrations from all cultures, including French speaking countries.

Examples of some of our events are listed below:

- Workshop + cineclub themed around specific events/celebrations such as Easter, Halloween, Christmas ...
- Musical shows in collaboration with another French school in Enfield
- Trip to London to see films as part of the South Kensington Kids festival or puppet show organised by 'les parapluies FLAM'
- Yearly participation in the Ware Carnival
- End of year show followed by a picnic/buffet to celebrate 'Bastille day'
- Christmas show
- 2 to 3 day summer holiday club in July for our students to enjoy activities taught in French

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.

Due to the pandemic and its impact on the charities, l'ecole des filous has had to adapt to online teaching via zoom between January 2021 and March 2021, as well as to adapt their ways of working afterwards by keeping the set up initiated at the end of 2020 and using extra PPE/cleaning regime when returning to face to face tuition to ensure a Covid safe environment.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year was our sixth year as l'ecole des filous.

Despite the pandemic and our closure from January 2021 to March 2021, we have tried to carry on learning on managing a school and adapting our ways of working by receiving advice and training through the FLAM program (Both trustees and teachers have benefited from these online courses).

In parallel, we have carried on working on improving our communication with our current students and their families but also with new potential students via our Facebook pages, our website, and Mailchimp, as well as improving our use of Quickfile, a software to manage our invoices to parents and suppliers.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has again stopped us from organising our usual events with our families through 2021. Through our online teaching from January to March 2021 followed by our adapted face to face tuition for the remainder of the year, we still achieved to transfer our passion of the French culture and language.

One of our teachers arranged a 'zoom meeting' at her partner's farm to share 'virtually' the new lambing season.

For the last day of school in July 2021, we managed to organise outside in the playground, with parents distanced apart, a small show so that each class separately could share their learning with their families.

As the world was re-opening towards the end of 2021, we managed to organise a small Christmas show with the families.

As previous years, teaching the French language to children can be a challenge due to the different levels of speaking/understanding by the children, especially when we had to move again to online teaching during the first term of 2021 but in these unprecedented times, the situation has been well managed by the team of teachers, and all the pupils have progressed in their ability to understand, speak and write in French.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Being in our sixth year running, we are still not holding a reserve yet in a separate bank account as we thought we still don't have enough to put aside yet and we would like to spend the money accordingly to expand the school.

Like the previous year 2020, the pandemic has led to extra costs [e.g. buying a licence to allow online teaching as well as PPE during face to face teaching].

However, as good practice requires a third of the running costs to be held in a reserve account, we are still hoping to be looking into this in the near future.

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.

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Despite being now in our sixth year running, we have decided to keep the tuition fees per term the same, i.e. £140 for one child, £266 for 2 children and £385 for 3 children (maintaining 5% discount for the 2nd sibling and 10% discount for the 3rd sibling).

The account shows that we are still managing to achieve self-sufficiency, this year with the support from the French Embassy via a 'Covid grant' following the pandemic.

We are still trying to build up a small reserve in order to invest into more books and DVDs for our library and also to organise more workshops and a few days as holiday club, arrange new trips to French speaking shows and maybe ultimately arrange an exchange with a French school.

This year, like last year, has been financially challenging with the pandemic and our closure between January and March 2021.

In these challenging times, it has been more difficult to retain our pupils (This year we have had just under 30 pupils attending our classes) so we are hoping this number will remain stable.

Indeed, due to the pandemic/lockdowns we had to close the school at the beginning of 2021 and when we returned to face to face tuition, we were not allowed to have more than 30 people in the school premises which has resulted in losing some children.

In the future, we are still keeping in mind to maybe be able to open one or more classes to British children or adults alongside the bilingual children currently attending l'école des filous.

Account – Year end 2021 (January to December)


Expenses		Income	
Teachers fees and management cost	£5,933.35	Tuition fees: School	£6,917.40
Rental costs Tower school	£0.00	French Embassy grant	£1,540.93
Other expenses	£714.31		
Insurance	£188.03		
FLAM subscription	£111.00		
Total expenses	6,946.69	Total income	£8,458.33
Profit	£1,511.64		
Balance carried forward from 2020	£10,927.02		

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	Nadège Galle
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Full name(s)

Catherine O'Sullivan	Nadège Galle
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	Chair
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Date

22nd October 2022	23rd October 2022
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Signature:


NADÈGE GALLE (Oct 23, 2022 13:04 GMT+1)

Email: nadege.galle@yahoo.co.uk

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From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
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5	Aurore Gilewicz			

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The quality of teaching has been valued by our members. Our teachers are all either qualified French speaking teachers or experienced and as a result the improvements in the children's language skills have been noticeable.

Our aim is to maintain small classes (less than about 9 children per teacher in each class) in order to maintain the impact of teaching on each pupil. A couple of classes are slightly bigger and different level of aptitude in French, and therefore each teacher is helped by a teaching assistant in order to maintain that close relationship teacher/pupil.

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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Due to the pandemic and its impact of charities, l'ecole des filous has had to stop teaching between March 2020 and July 2020, and to adapt their ways of working from September 2020 by setting up extra PPE/cleaning regime when returning to face to face tuition to ensure a Covid safe environment or arranging online teaching via zoom when face to face teaching wasn't possible.

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Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year was our fifth year as l'école des filous.

Despite the pandemic and our closure from March 2020 to August 2020, we have tried to carry on learning on managing a school and adapting our ways of working by receiving advice and training through the FLAM program (Both trustees and teachers have benefited from these online courses).

In parallel, we have carried on working on improving our communication with our current students and their families but also with new potential students via our Facebook pages, our website, and Mailchimp, as well as improving our use of Quickfile, a software to manage our invoices to parents and suppliers.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has not allowed us to organise any events with our families in 2020, but our main achievement was to still transfer our love of the French culture and language via small challenges during the first lockdown between March 2020 and July 2020 despite the difficult situation everyone was facing.

As previous years, teaching the French language to children can be a challenge due to the different levels of speaking/understanding by the children, especially when we had to move to online teaching at the end of October 2020 but in these unprecedented times, the situation has been well managed by the team of teachers, and all the pupils have progressed in their ability to understand, speak and write in French.

4 of our students have taken the DELF A2 Prim exam in November 2020 since the original June session was postponed, and all have achieved excellent marks with an average of 93.5% and with one of them achieving 100%.

Section E

Financial review

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Indeed, due to the pandemic/lockdowns we had to close the school and when we returned to face to face tuition, we were not allowed to have more than 30 people in the school premises which has resulted in losing some children.

In the future, we are still keeping in mind to maybe be able to open one or more classes to not only bilingual children but also British children.

Account – Year end 2020 (January to December)

Expenses		Income	
Teachers fees and management cost	£4,726.38	Tuition fees: School	£7,122.00
Rental costs Tower school	£720.00		
Other expenses	£1,095.02		
Insurance	£188.03		
FLAM subscription and training	£75.00		
Total expenses	£6,804.43	Total income	£7,122.00
Profit	£317.57		
Balance carried forward from 2019	£10,559.45		

Section G

Declaration

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

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		<i>C. O'Sullivan</i>
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Full name(s)	Nadege Galle	Catherine O'Sullivan
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	chair	secretary
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Date	29 Oct 2021
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