

ECOLE DES COPAINS

England & Wales - Charity number 1167503

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH TEACHING OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND ABOUT THE DIVERSE CULTURES OF THE FRENCH-SPEAKING WORLD.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£56,389	£58,312	-	-
2024-07-31	£53,545	£66,867	-	-
2023-07-31	£55,244	£36,966	-	-
2022-07-31	£61,277	£55,920	-	-
2021-07-31	£30,889	£37,798	-	-
2020-12-31	£43,155	£22,810	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rachel Onna Sanna Wallis	Chair	2022-07-08
Adrien Jerome Marie Sebastien Landreau		2023-07-01
Aurelien Bernard Dubot		2024-11-16
Samira Anjary		2025-10-11

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École des Copains

Chairman's Report – Academic Year: Sept 2024 – Jul 2025

Rachel Wallis
October 2025

Introduction and Background

École des Copains (EdC) was founded in 2016 to promote the French language and francophone culture amongst bilingual families. We are proud to be a community where the practice of French is part of family life and where children can deepen understanding of their cultural francophone heritage.

The Academic Year 2024/2025

This year has been one of **consolidation and steady progress**. Pupil numbers continue to be a challenge: we began the year with around 90 pupils, lost a few along the way, and regained roughly the same number, finishing the year largely stable.

Despite these fluctuations, the commitment of our teaching team and volunteers has ensured that the academic quality and richness of our provision have not only been maintained but have continued to grow.

Teaching Highlights

We have built upon the strong foundations laid in previous years. This year's particular focus has been on consolidating reading skills by blending phonics and syllabic methods, aligning more closely with English academic reading goals while preserving the richness of French linguistic approaches.

The result has marked improvements in confidence and fluency among our youngest readers. Teachers have noted a visible increase in enthusiasm for reading and a growing sense of achievement amongst children.

Regular class observations have again taken place, enabling us to provide constructive feedback and support to our teachers, while also ensuring a consistent and high-quality approach across all levels.

Events and Community

EdC once again brought the community together with a series of much-loved events, including our Galette des Rois celebration, Easter egg hunt, and Summer picnic. Each occasion was an opportunity to celebrate culture, language, and community spirit, while also raising vital funds for the school.

We were delighted to host a puppet show, "Le Grand Méchant Renard," performed by Cécile Hurbault on 7 June 2025. Organised through the Parapluie FLAM network of Saturday French schools, the event brought families together for an afternoon of theatre, laughter, and community spirit.

The Summer picnic was appreciated by so many who were with us, and it was lovely sharing food and chats within our community. The Tonton Gilles market-style sale has also been a great success and will continue into next year to keep our gourmands' tastebuds happy.

Teaching Team

At the heart of EdC are our dedicated teachers, who week after week bring energy, passion, and creativity to their classrooms. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to:

- Lucy Zaug
- Virginie Moore
- Olivia Locicero
- Alex Chammings
- Alexia Kirk
- Bérengère Mauduit
- Jo Adams
- Juliana Hernandez
- Leida Ouegnimaoua
- Hélène Stevens (also serving as our Curriculum Lead)
- Israël Togoh
- Jacqui Nunes

Our teaching assistants, whose renewed dedication and unwavering support are invaluable to our teachers and children:

- Stéphanie Vilault
- Ella Carmarans
- Nadia Duros

At the same time, we bid farewell to **Jo, Stéphanie, Nadia** and **Ella**, who between them have contributed much to our teaching and community life. We are sorry to say goodbye to **Juliana Hernandez** who has been with us for many years, but we are delighted to welcome **Flavie Rafournies** as a member of the teaching team.

Recognition and Thanks

I would like to recognise the tireless work of:

- Our librarian, Sophiann, who continued to inspire a love of reading amongst our pupils.
 - A special thank you to our reading angels, who helped our young readers gain confidence, improve their pronunciation, and believe in their ability to succeed in their reading development. Special thanks to Nadia Breen, who has efficiently coordinated our reading angels. Please let contact@coledescopains.com know if you would like to be part of our angels.
 - Our administrator, **Koko**, whose efficiency and generosity of time keep EdC running smoothly behind the scenes.
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Trustees and Committee

The trustees continue to provide vital support in governance, compliance, and organisation of key events. Their roles often take place out of sight, but their impact is deeply felt.

- I (Rachel Wallis) have helped coordinate our very capable team. I have two children attending EdC: Sophie in Flavie's class and Louis in Alex's class. I am happy to re-present my candidacy for Chair for this academic year.
- **Adrien Landreau** is Treasurer. His two daughters are EdC alumni, and he is happy to re-present his candidacy as Treasurer this year.
- **Aurélien Dubot** was elected Secretary last year. He has now stepped down from that role but will remain with EdC as a generalist trustee.
- **Gail Carmarans** and **Aurélie Ander** have stepped down as trustees. Both have been generous with their time and energy, and we are deeply grateful for their service.

Looking ahead, we warmly invite further candidates to join the trustees' team, to ensure that new perspectives, skills, and ideas continue to enrich the life of the school.

School Community and Outlook

In 2024/25, our community included around 73 families, with approximately 90 pupils attending across our eleven classes, including our early years' group.

While enrollment remains an ongoing challenge, our stability this year gives us confidence to build further in the year ahead.

Fundraising, Donations & Grants

We raised **£2,659** this year thanks to the generosity of our community through the Tonton Gilles, family donations at Easter and the galette event, and the book fair.

As in previous years, bursaries remain available for families who need additional financial support. These are renewable annually to ensure continued assistance to those who need it most.

Looking ahead

The 2025/2026 academic year is expected to be very similar in terms of overall student numbers.

We note a reduction in enrolments among the 3 - 6 age group, balanced by an increase in under-3s, which is a positive indicator for the school's future pipeline.

Thanks to the dedication of our teachers, assistants, trustees, volunteers, and families, EdC continues to be a thriving community where French language and francophone culture are celebrated and sustained.

Rachel Wallis
Chair

Section B Balance sheet

			Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	(Note 8)	B01	-	-
		B02	-	-
Investments	(Note 9)	B03	-	-
	<i>Total fixed assets</i>	B04	-	-
Current assets				
Stock and work in progress		B05	-	-
Debtors	(Note 10)	B06	-	-
(Short term) investments		B07	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		B08	17,540	19,465
	<i>Total current assets</i>	B09	17,540	19,465
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
	(Note 11)	B10	-	-
	<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	B11	17,540	19,465
	<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	B12	17,540	19,465
	(Note 11)	B13	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	-	-
	<i>Net assets</i>	B15	17,540	19,465
Funds of the Charity				
Unrestricted funds		B16	17,540	19,465
Designated funds		B17		
Total unrestricted funds			17,540	19,465
Restricted income funds (Note 12)		B18	-	-
Endowment funds (Note 12)		B19	-	-
	<i>Total funds</i>	B20	17,540	19,465

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Date of approval

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Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);

- and with* Accounting Standards;
- or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

[** except for the following].

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick
- ** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year (§

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1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years (§§ except for the following).

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Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

Analysis	Unrestricted £	restricted £	This year £	Last year £
Donations from previous years	-		-	
Other donations			-	
Fundraising	2,230		-	1,129
Gift Aid			-	
Total	2,230			1,129
Membership	5,579		-	5,886
Tuition fees	48,103		-	46,032
Other (bank interest)	49		-	49
			-	
Total	53,730			51,967
Sponsorship			-	-
Partnership	429		-	449
			-	
	429		-	
Total			-	449
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Total			-	
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Total			-	-



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

On accounts for the year ended **Charity no (if any)**

Set out on pages
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **DD / MM / YYYY**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination.

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

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Chairman's report – Academic year: May 2023 – Jul 2024

Rachel Wallis

1. Introduction and background

École des Copains (EdC) is a charity created in June 2016, to promote the French language and francophone culture amongst bilingual families. The school creates a community where the practice of French is made part of the families' daily lives. A committee of volunteers, alongside the core support team (administrator & curriculum lead) support the teaching team & librarian to oversee the running of EdC. This report covers the period of the year from the date of our last AGM in July 2023 to September 2024.

2. The Academic Year 2023/2024

This year has been our first year at our new school Beechwood school in Tunbridge Wells. We have been welcomed with open arms, and the team at Beechwood has worked with us to ensure that we felt at home each Saturday.

Key highlights this year are our boosted efforts to encourage early reading and writing amongst our younger pupils as well as the introduction of Librarika which is helping the librarian and the team track our stock better, and automate reminders for the returns of books. We also increased the cultural events with a show, and increased parent participation via project exposition and the school fete.

The start of the academic year 2024/2025 has also seen some changes for our teaching and teaching assistant teams. **We are always in need of teachers and teaching assistants, so please let us know if you or anyone you know can be on our list of contacts for teaching staff. We also need your help as members to promote EdC to anyone from the francophone community (or any super multilinguals!) to help us grow our numbers, as we are down on numbers compared to previous years with a rising cost base.**

3. Changes to constitution of the charity

We are proposing amendments to the following resolutions at the November 2024 AGM. Our constitution, also known as a governing document, is a legal document that outlines the rules and structure of a charity. It provides for a rulebook that helps trustees and other interested parties understand how the charity is run. The constitution has not been changed since its inception in 2016, and therefore has a number of outdated clauses. The charity commission now allows trustees to provide certain paid services to the charity as long as due diligence is done to ensure that payment is in the charity's best interest, and any conflicts of interests are identified. Therefore, we are proposing to amend Section 6.1.1 to allow trustees to propose their paid services. An example use case is where a trustee can become part of the teaching team on a long-term basis.

6.1 General provisions

6.1.1 No trustee or connected person may:

- (a) buy or receive any goods or services from the CIO on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public;
- (b) sell goods, **services**, or any interest in land to the CIO; (**Removal of term services**)
- (c) be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the CIO;
- (d) receive any other financial benefit from the CIO,

Section 6.2.2 then permits the supply of services as per section 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011

4. Treasurers report

EdC's financial report is provided as an appendix to the Chair's report. The finances of EdC are still sound, made possible by grants we received in previous years, but rising outgoing costs mean we have made an operating loss of £3,443 for 2023/2024 (excluding carry over expenses from previous years). Our budget therefore needs to be reviewed more closely to ensure that our school's future is not put in peril. We will therefore be reducing several expense lines as per the treasurer's report. The Treasurer report goes into a lot more details with figures.

The loss is due to the introduction of the increasing costs to stationery, a decrease in the number of families and students attending the school and a curriculum review programme which was introduced to ensure smoother transition for pupils in certain years.

4.1 What can you do?

- Carry on talking about EdC to the francophone community around you
- We will shortly send out pamphlets where we need parents to reach out to their current schools to promote EdC
- If you wish to sponsor part of/a particular project, take a look at the budget for the year ahead and get in touch with our treasurer/committee - comite@ecoledescopains.com

4.2 Fundraising, donations & bursaries

We have been able to raise £1129 thanks to Tonton Gilles, family donations and the book fair. We are also grateful to a private company for donating 15 laptops to our school as well as the donor who kindly helped us buy several accessories for laptops used by the teachers provided by EdC (£288).

We have also used the grants given in previous years to renew our library stock to provide a wide variety of books for all ages.

In the future, we are also considering changing bank accounts, and will update you in due course.

Bursaries are still available to families who need it, renewable on an annual basis, to ensure that we support those who need additional financial support.

5. Teaching highlights & team:

- We have continued with the Alpha method this year, then moving on to the "Leo et Léa" books (amongst others) to encourage early reading, alongside the British phonics systems. Thank you to Helene Stevens and teachers of our young readers for delivering this programme
- A special thank you to **Anne Reed-Musset** and **Melanie Brenchley** for helping our teachers and children to grow their reading skills throughout the year
- Our first secondary class, Les tigres, Leida's class, in partnership with our KS2 class led by Berengere have produced posters, a quiz and presented a popular theme "La production du cacao" (Chocolate production) which is now published on our website. They have also explored environmental themes on the impact of the Coca Cola company
- Each year, all our year groups are given the opportunity to make Christmas cards, 109 last December, for

elderly pensioners living in sheltered housing in France, which really cheers them up

- Curriculum reviews - each year, we have at least one meeting amongst the teaching staff to allow us to re-evaluate our teaching method and delivery, and to harmonise our approach based on the progress made by the students. Our last meeting in July has allowed us to share what has worked well, and to prepare and refine our delivery of the curriculum for next year. This has allowed us over the years to see progress in our classes and to raise the bar of what we expect of both our students and teachers
- Observing classes also allows us to provide feedback to the teachers as to what they are doing well as well as provide constructive feedback
- We are also working towards introducing an internationally recognised example, the DELF, which would give our students a qualification to work towards to evidence their competency in the French language

6. Events and other highlights:

- We have again this year been able to give back to our community with EdC funded events: Galettes des Rois, easter egg hunt, summer fête
- We have been lucky last April to host a show “La note de Scott” by Etienne Sibille, funded by our umbrella body FLAM (a charity which regroups all French language schools with similar aims and provides a number of support resources to all). This show was a hit with all the children, and parents & teachers who attended!
- Last November, a few members of the team attended the FLAM day which allows schools from around the UK to share their viewpoints, share how they resolve issues as well as gain a network of other schools to collaborate with. Following that, we have taken the initiative to organise coffee mornings with our teachers to improve communication amongst the teaching staff
- The end of the year was marked with an Olympic themed summer fete, which proved popular amongst parents and students with old fashioned games, quiz, grammatical race, cake, ice lollies, and medal giving
- We had the opportunity to restock our library with a selection of books, particularly for our older readers, as well as portable notice boards to display the work of all
- The safeguarding policy has been updated this year. It is signposted on the website

7. Recognition and thank you's

EdC would not exist without all the people who believe in our cause and help make it a reality – and I would like to take the time to thank all of our teams as follows:

7.1 Teaching Team – the heart and soul of EdC

We would like to thank our teaching team: (from youngest to oldest age groups) **Lucy Zaug, Virginie Moore, Olivia Locicero, Hélène Moon, Caroline Van Eygen, Nadia Duros, Juliana Hernandez, Bérengère Mauduit, Leida Ouegnimaoua, Hélène Stevens** (also our curriculum lead), **Israël Togoh & Jacqui Nunes**, for their efforts and continuous support. The teaching team has two new members: **Alexia Kirk** (classe Les Oursons) and **Jo Adams** (classe Les Tortues)

Our teachers are also supported by a team of assistants. I would like to thank all the teaching assistants for their renewed dedication and unwavering support – **Alex Chammings, Stéphanie Ward, Gaëlle Déram and Pierre**

Castellan-Hamon, Ella Carmarans. We have said goodbye to a number of our teaching staff, who have other commitments - **Nadia Duros, Gaëlle Déram Pierre Castellan-Hamon, Anne Reed-Musset, Melanie Brenchley** They have given between them many years of service to EdC, and I would like to thank them for their dedication to our children.

Thank you also to our librarians, **Sophiann Ruaud-Glenn**, who has run our library this year. **Candice Machtus** was also key to setting up the Librarika system, and I would like to thank her for her contributions to EdC at the start of the 2023/2024 academic year.

7.2 Volunteers and Support Team

Thank you to all of you who volunteer your time to help in various ways – whether it's the team of reading angels supporting our pupils or all those who volunteer to help us during our events. And a warm thank you to our parent volunteers who have stepped in at very short notice to replace teachers and teaching assistants when they were absent, sometimes at very short notice, amongst many [We need more volunteers to join our ranks next year, to allow us to implement new projects – please do read our newsletter where this will be communicated in due course](#)

I also want to include a special note of thanks to **Koko**, our administrator, & **Hélène Stevens**, who both work tirelessly (and volunteers their own time above and beyond) to ensure that the school is run smoothly - from answering all email queries, student subscriptions, coordinating the teaching rota and taster sessions, enhancing our newsletters to members, best practices, preparing teaching resources, ensuring safeguarding policies are updated just to name a few, as well as keeping our records such as our safeguarding policies, to name just a few. Thank you, **Koko & Hélène!**

7.3 Trustees and committee members (the Committee)

Our team of trustees work behind the scenes, and share the load, together with the administrator (Koko) and the curriculum lead's (Hélène Stevens) with matters such as: finances, policies, ensuring compliance with charity commission requirements, insurance, website maintenance, hire agreement, organising events for the Galettes des rois, easter and the school fete as well as safeguarding arrangements including DBS checks.

The following trustees have carried on supporting the daily functioning of the EdC

- I (**Rachel Wallis**) have helped coordinate our very capable team. I have two children attending EdC: Sophie in Berangere's class and Louis in Olivia's class.

*I, Rachel, am happy to remain Chair for the next academic year
Should anyone wish to be on the list of candidates for any position, they are welcome to email
president@ecoledescopains.com*

- Adrien Landreau is our treasurer, and has implemented better budget monitoring over the last year. His two daughters, Charlotte and Sophie are "EdC alumni"

Adrien is happy to remain the Treasurer for the next academic year

- Gail Carmarans Catterick, secretary, has 3 children - the family has spent a number of years in France, and would like to contribute to our bilingual community

Gail will step down from her position as secretary, but is happy to remain as trustee (Events Lead) for the next academic year. The role of secretary is therefore vacant (1 candidate has been co-opted by the other trustees until the official vote at the AGM)

- Aurelie Ander has been supporting the team as a trustee. She has stepped in to help on several Saturday mornings and helped for different events. Aurelie is Charlie's mum in Berangere's class

Aurelie is happy to remain trustee for the next academic year

- Emilie Dupuy (events lead). Emilie has been organising and coordinating EdC events such as Tonton Gilles, Galette des rois, Easter and Christmas raffles. Her daughter Marylou is in Alexia's class

*Emilie will step down EdC from her position as trustee. **Thank you, Emilie, for your many years of service***

- Stephanie Ramos, teacher liaison has held a number of roles within the board of trustees over the years, and has a long history supporting our charity. In her latest role as teacher liaison, she helped to ensure good lines of communication between the committee and the teachers during the year. She is the mum to Leo in Alexia's class and Maxime in Helene Stevens's class.

*Stephanie will step down EdC from her position as trustee. **Thank you, Stephanie, for your many years of service. Stephanie has been trustee since EdC's inception in 2016 and has a wealth of stories about our organisation.***

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees for their hard work and dedication to keep EdC functioning as a well-oiled organisation. Joining EdC as a trustee continues to be a great opportunity to support our wonderful teachers and teaching assistants who are the soul of the school.

8. School community and summary

By the end of 23/24, the EdC community included 76 families - 114 children and 5 adults, attending 11 classes and a teacher-led playgroup every Saturday. The team comprises 12 teachers, 4 assistants, a librarian, an administrator, a curriculum lead and the Committee.

9. Conclusion

The EdC is a unique community that aims to promote the use and love of the French language and French culture. Thanks to the work of the Committee, the teachers, support team and, critically, the support of our Members, the EdC has had a good year, despite some key challenges.

10. Treasurer Report for the year 2023/2024 and comments on the start of 2024/2025

Refer to landscape provisional budget vs actual spend in next pages.

General comment on last year,

- We received **£53,545** in total. £45,788 in tuition, £5,886 in membership fees, £1,363 in mixed fundraising and the rest in other activities
- We spent **£66,807** in total. £39,609 for the overall teaching team, £14,300 on rent, £5,454 of administrative cost, £2,528 on Stationery and £2,450 on curriculum review.

Although this looks like a large loss, the actual operating loss was only £3,443 for 2023/24.

To explain, our opening bank balance was £32,786. £13,879 was owed from the previous year for outstanding rent and teachers' invoices. This means a net starting bank balance of £18,907. We ended the 2023/2024 year with a bank balance of £19,464. This did not account for one rent invoice for £4,000, due to Beechwood but received late. The final "cash" position of the school is £15,464.

Important notes

- "rent" includes £9,570 from 2022/2023 as the invoices were received in August 2023, but excludes £4,000 for Beechwood received after 2023/2024 year end. We hope that this delay will be over in the current school year to limit carry-overs.
- Due to a delay in dealing with the teachers' invoices, £4,309 in "Teachers 22-23" category relate to the 2022/2023 school year.
- We received a grant in previous years for a "Library project" which was implemented last year, increasing the spend in this category by £638.
- We also initiated a curriculum review to ensure a smoother transition for the pupils between certain years, increasing the cost of "Curriculum" to £2,450
- The change of school has also had an impact on the cost, firstly on our rent (although this was initially priced in our prevision) but also in the amount of "Stationery and equipment" for the teachers and the classrooms. This has almost doubled to £2,528 and we don't anticipate this to happen in following years.

This extra expenditure corresponds to the charity's objectives and contributes to the correct functioning of the school.

It is disappointing to note that we had expected more families and more children to attend the school, therefore it has reduced the actual income expected from £56,236 to only £51,674 (a reduction of over 4,500 or 8%). It is therefore even more important to note that for 2024/2025, we have further reduced the number of registered children by 30. This poses a few difficulties for balancing the books and actions have already been taken and further may be required to reduce the expenditure of the school.

To monitor this better, you will notice we have started to include a lot more detail in our budget and analysis of accounts. By doing this, we will be able to have a better handle on expenditure and allow us to better target reductions as and when needed.

We have resolved last year's issue with our accountancy software and the direct debit company, which required many hours of voluntary work and we are pleased to report that the problems have been resolved and we are on track this year, with only two families yet to make their payment and one family with a small catch up from last year. The delay had no financial impact on the school.

In 2023/2024, we had to increase the teachers' rates to ensure a stable teaching team and limit the disruption to the pupils who already had to adapt to a new school. In parallel, there was a limited increase of the fees as we are conscious of the financial burden for some families. This may have to be reviewed for 2025/2026 if the financial situation does not improve.

Provisional budget				Actual Spend/Income			
Income		Expenditure		Income		Expenditure	
Membership	£ 6,347	£ 12,000	Rent	Membership	£ 5,886	-£ 14,300	Rent
Tuition	£ 49,899	£ 38,820	Teachers	Tuition	£ 45,788	-£ 4,310	Teachers 22/23
Stationery	£ -	£ -	Reunion pedagogique	Subvention	£ -	-£ 30,325	Teachers
Giftaid	£ 1,587	£ -	Assistants	Giftaid	£ -	-£ 295	Reunion pedagogique
Fundraising	£ 170	£ 1,440	Stationery	Fundraising	£ 1,129	-£ 4,680	Assistants
Parent Help	£ 410	£ 500	Insurance	Parent Helper Donation	£ 244	-£ 2,528	Stationery
Tonton Gilles	£ -	£ -	Curriculum/Safety Coordinator	Tonton Gilles	£ 449	-£ 426	Insurance
Extra Gifting	£ -	£ 4,050	Admin / Book keeping	Interest	£ 49	-£ 5,454	Admin / Book keeping
		£ 1,602	Website/BankCost/Misc			-£ 1,200	Curriculum
-----		-----				-£ 1,250	Curriculum Review
Total Income	£ 58,412	£ 58,412				-£ 844	Events
						-£ 161	Membership (Flam)
						-£ 638	Library
						-£ 396	Fees (Bank, accounting etc)
-----		-----		-----		-----	
				Total Income	£ 53,545	-£ 66,807	

The accounts were recently independently audited and validated by an external auditor, without a single question being raised, showing the good stead of our new accounting system. The accounts are public but do not include as much details as we have shared with our members.

Sharing this extra information allows us to openly present the accounts and ask for your renewed and increased support if you are able to afford it.

As some may wonder with news on Value Added Tax (VAT) on private school fees, we are currently below the threshold (£90,000 per annum) and do not anticipate that this will be an issue this year or the one after. However, we are keeping an eye on developments and will keep you informed.

A word on the year ahead:

Income			Expenditure		
Provisional		Actual	Actual	Provisional	
Membership*	£ 4,697	£4,505	£4,000	£ 13,125	Rent
Tuition	£ 43,302	£11,093		£ 4,000	Rent from previous year
Giftaid	£ -		£3,070	£ 32,400	Teachers
Fundraising	£ 170	£123	£120	£ 900	Reunion pedagogique
Parent Help	£ 410	£456	£190	£ 3,600	Assistants (incl Library)
Tonton Gilles	£ -	£67	£780	£ 2,500	Stationery
Extra Gifting	£ -		£431	£ 500	Insurance
				£ 850	Fetes / Events
			£134	£ 1,200	Curriculum/Safety Coordinator
			£1,170	£ 4,050	Admin
				£ 1,250	Curriculum Review
			£82	£ 1,602	Website/BankCost/Misc
Total Income	£ 48,579	£16,244	£9,977	£ 65,977	Total Expenditure
		33.44%	15.12%		
					will be or has been reduced

We have significantly less children and families than previous years, in contrast, most of our expenditure is on fixed costs regardless of how many families attend the school.

As a first step, we have reduced or will be reducing the lines in orange above. For example, we have suspended the curriculum review, despite it being needed.

We need to increase the number of families attending or we will have to take other actions, such as regrouping classes and reducing the number of teachers and assistants.

Section B

Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B01	-	-
	B02	-	-
Investments (Note 9)	B03	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	B04	-	-
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-
Debtors (Note 10)	B06	-	-
(Short term) investments	B07	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	19,465	32,787
<i>Total current assets</i>	B09	19,465	32,787
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B10	-	-
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	B11	19,465	32,787
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	B12	19,465	32,787
(Note 11)	B13	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-
<i>Net assets</i>	B15	19,465	32,787
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	B16	19,465	32,787
Designated funds	B17		
Total unrestricted funds		19,465	32,787
Restricted income funds (Note 12)	B18	-	-
Endowment funds (Note 12)	B19	-	-
<i>Total funds</i>	B20	19,465	32,787

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Date of approval

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Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

Analysis	Unrestricted £	restricted £	This year £	Last year £
Donations from previous years	-		-	
Other donations			-	
Fundraising	1,129		-	479
Gift Aid			-	
Total	1,129			479
Membership	5,886		-	4,070
Tuition fees	46,032		-	43,676
Other (bank interest)	49		-	54
			-	
Total	51,966			47,799
Sponsorship			-	6,421
Partnership	449		-	543
			-	
	449		-	
Total			-	6,965
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Total			-	
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
Total			-	-



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

On accounts for the year ended **Charity no (if any)**

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **DD / MM / YYYY**.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

Relevant professional

qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

ECOLE DES COPAINS

England & Wales - Charity number 1167503

Accounts

Ecole des Copains
Trustee's report – Academic year: Aug 2022 – Jul 2023

May 2024

Introduction and background

École des Copains (EdC) is a charity created in June 2016, to promote the French language and French culture amongst bilingual families, and families wanting to make French part of their daily lives. A committee of volunteers, alongside the core support team (administrator, bookkeeper) support the teaching team & librarian to oversee the running of EdC. This report covers the period of the year from the date of our last AGM in Aug 2022 to July . 2023

The Academic Year 2022/2023

This year has been marked by our imminent departure from Hilden Grange in July 2023. Finding a new school was a big challenge given that we had been established at Hilden grange for over a decade (previously as Petite Ecole Kentoise Tonbridge), with a very competitive rental rate. We initially focussed our search around Tonbridge and Hildenborough, but it soon became apparent that schools within those areas were too small, out of budget (given the recent energy price rises), or not available. We then cast the net wider, and found Beechwood school in Tunbridge Wells, which shares many of the same values, and our passion for promoting languages to their students. We have been fortunate to secure this location at a good rate, which should set us in good stead for future years.

Beechwood School will provide us with a stable base where both our members from the Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells area as well as those from further afield can reach EdC easily. The school's headmaster shares our passion for languages, and we hope that this will be the start of a fruitful relationship between EdC and Beechwood with some collaborative projects together.

The start of the academic year was also marked with a recruitment drive for teachers and teaching assistant positions. **We are always in need of teachers and teaching assistants, so please let us know if you or anyone you know can be on our list of contacts for teaching staff.**

Teaching highlights:

- A new programme, the Alpha method, which leverages phonics as learnt by our children in their English schools has had much success this year. This method has allowed the children to make excellent progress in their reading, and also writing. Thank you to Helene Stevens for introducing this and to the teachers for continuing to support it
- The playgroup has seen a rise in the number of students. The group boasts various activities such as messy play, themed activities, e.g. playdough or using leaves and twigs around the school, and learning through songs, dance and rhythms. This group also provides a network of parents who are trying to raise bilingual children
- We have also introduced reading support, which is run by volunteer parents, to give additional 1:1 support to our students who need it the most. Thank you to all volunteer parents

- The first secondary class, Les tigres, Leida's class, have made some fantastic posters on the French overseas territory – New Caledonia, which is now published on our website
- Each year, all our year groups are given the opportunity to make a Christmas cards for elderly pensioners in France, which really cheers them up
- Curriculum reviews - each year, we have at least one meeting amongst the teaching staff to allow us to re-evaluate our teaching method and delivery, and to harmonise our approach based on the progress made by the students. Our last meeting in June has allowed us to share what has worked well, and to prepare and refine our delivery of the curriculum for next year. This has allowed us over the years to see progress in our classes and to raise the bar of what we expect of both our students and teachers
- Observing classes also allows us to provide feedback to the teachers as to what they are doing well as well as provide constructive feedback
- We are pleased to report that all our teaching staff have pledged to continue our journey with us at Beechwood. We are grateful for their continuous commitment to our school

Events and other highlights:

- We have again this year been able to give back to our community with EdC funded events: Galettes des Rois, easter egg hunt, summer fête
- We have restyled our website with complimentary information, and wish to showcase a few of the projects the classes have been working on. Please look out for further updates via the newsletter
- The safeguarding policy has been updated this year. It is signposted on the website

Recognition and thank you's

EdC would not exist without all the people who believe in our cause and help make it a reality – and I would like to take the time to thank all of our teams - volunteers and teaching staff

Trustees and committee members (the Committee)

Our team of trustees work behind the scenes, and share the load, together with the administrator (Koko) and the curriculum lead's (Hélène Stevens) with matters such as: insurance, website maintenance, hire agreement, organising events including the upcoming School Fête, grants application from the French authorities, safeguarding including DBS checks.

We have had three new trustees, elected in June 2022:

- I (**Rachel Wallis**) have taken the role of chair since June 2022. I have two children attending EdC: Sophie in Hélène Moon's class and Louis in Lucy's playgroup class.

I, Rachel, am happy to remain Chair for the next academic year

- Gail Carmarans Catterick, our secretary, has 3 children - the family has spent a number of years in France, and would like to contribute to our bilingual community

Gail is happy to remain the Secretary for the next academic year

- Karima Blackman is our treasurer. Her daughter Khloe attends Hélène Moon's class.

*Karima will step down from her position as treasurer. **Thank you Karima for stepping in as our treasury to ensure the survival of our organisation.***

The following trustees have carried on supporting the daily functioning of the EdC

- Emilie Dupuy (events lead). Emilie has been organising and coordinating EdC events such as Tonton Gilles, Galette des rois, Easter raffles. She is also on hand most Saturday mornings at the school as a friendly face to support families or teachers as and when needed. Her daughter Marylou is in Olivia's class

Emilie is happy to remain the Events lead for the next academic year

- Julie Costa: Julie has been supporting EdC as a trustee for a number of years, designing our posters promoting various events or recruitment drive, as well as helping with the grant application with STAFE. Julie is Leon's mum in Helene Moon's class

*Julie will step down EdC from her position as trustee. **Thank you Julie for your many years of supporting EdC in various roles.***

- Aurelie Ander has been supporting the team as a trustee. She has stepped in to cover absences on Saturday mornings and helped for different events. Aurelie is Charlie's mum in Helene Moon's class

- *Aurelie is happy to remain trustee for the next academic year*

- Stephanie Ramos is our teacher liaison. She has been ensuring communication between the committee and the teachers during the year. Her role is to ensure good communication between the committee and the curriculum lead. She is the mum to Leo in Helene Moon's class and Maxime in Nadia D's class.

Stephanie is happy to remain Teacher Liaison for the next academic year

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees for their hard work and dedication to keep EdC functioning as a well-oiled organisation. Joining the EdC as a trustee continues to be a great opportunity to support our wonderful teachers and teaching assistants who are the soul of the school.

School community and summary

In 22/23, the EdC community included some 78 families, amounting to up to 114 children and 6 adults, attending 11 classes and a playgroup every Saturday. The team comprises 11 teachers, 4 assistants, a playgroup leader, a librarian, an administrator & now bookkeeper, a curriculum lead and the Committee.

Finance summary

It is difficult to provide a complete analysis knowing that revenue and expenditure items have not necessarily been allocated in the same way as in previous years. We are putting in place a system which should allow a more detailed analysis from next year. The year closed with an additional reserve of over £18k, which is more than the previous year.

1) There has been a significant drop in rental costs, simply due to the fact that HildenGrange's invoices were not received before the closing date of the accounts.

2) We also received a donation from an organisation, of around £7k, which we had not received the previous year. So, apart from this pending expenditure (1) and this exceptional entry (2), the year ended with an amount equivalent to the previous year.

Inputs and outputs are grouped into the positions below:

Bookkeeping	-£960.00
Events	-£462.93
Fees	-£449.76
Fundraising	£479.20
Galettes	-£300.00
Gilles	£543.46
Insurance	-£362.32
Interest	£53.65
Rent	-£500.00
Sponsorship	£6,421.37
Stationary	-£981.12
Summer Fete	-£793.55
Teaching	-£32,155.99
Tuition	£43,675.83
Membership	£4,070.00

Fundraising, donations & grants

We have been able to raise £543.36 thanks to Tonton Gilles, family donations and the book fair.

For next year, we are putting in place procedures to allocate bursaries to families who need it, renewable on an annual basis, to ensure that we support those who need additional financial support. This year, the trustees have approved bursaries for two families.

We have been fortunate to be granted two grants of 6952€ (£5930) (AEFE) and £491 (569€ - STAFE) to renew our book stock. This should allow us to keep fees for the upcoming year mostly unchanged while giving a small uptick in the rate paid to both teachers and teaching assistants

Conclusion

The EdC is a unique community that aims to promote the use and love of the French language and French culture. Thanks to the work of the Committee, the teachers, support team and, critically, the support of our Members, the EdC has had a good year, despite some key challenges.

The EdC is turning a new page in its history as we move to Beechwood school, and I am sure we will all work together to ensure that the EdC goes from strength to strength.

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category

Incoming resources (Note 3)

Donations, legacies and Grants
Income resources from charitable activities
Donations adjust from previous years
Other income

Total incoming resources
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)

cost of charitable activities
Governance cost management and administration cost

Total resources expended
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers
Gross transfers between funds
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)
Other recognised gains/(losses)
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use
Gains and losses on investment assets
Net movement in funds
Total funds brought forward
Total funds carried forward

Charity Name
 Ecole des Copains
 Annual accounts for the period
 Period start date

08/01/22 To

Note	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02
	-	-
		479 -
		47799 -
	-	-
		6965 -
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
S01		55244 -
	-	-
		30005 -
		6961 -
	-	-
	-	-
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	-	-
S02		36966 -
S03		18278 -
S04	-	-
S05		18278 -
S06	-	-
S07	-	-
S08		18278 -
S09	-	-
S10		18278 -

Charity No (if any) 1167503 CC39a

Period end date 07/31/23

Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
F03	F04	F05
-	-	-
-	479	2014
-	47799	50763
-	-	8500
-	6965	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	55244	61277
-	-	-
-	30005	34420
-	6961	21501
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Report to the trustees/
members of

On accounts for the year ended Charity no (if any)

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Signed: Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

M.A.A.T.

Address:

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MIDDX. EN1 3JZ

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ECOLE DES COPAINS

England & Wales - Charity number 1167503

Accounts

Charity Commission Annual Return 2022

ECOLE DES COPAINS

Charity registration number: 1167503

Most of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities. Any field that the Charity Commission will not display will be clearly marked.

This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2022.

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/08/2021

Financial period end date

31/07/2022

Income and spending

Income £

£61,277

Spending £

£55,920

Serious Incidents

For the period of this return, were there any serious incidents in your charity that have not been reported to the Charity Commission?

No

Fundraising - professional fundraiser

Did your charity raise funds from the public?

No

Government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities?

No

Government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK ?

No

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales?

No

Trading subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries?

No

Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses?

No

Did any of the trustees resign and then take up employment with the charity?

No

Employees' salaries

Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more?
Select No if your charity does not have any staff , or does not pay any staff.

No

For your highest paid member of staff only, what was the total value of their employee benefits?

(For example if your highest paid member of staff received £35,000 enter 35000). If you do not have any staff or did not pay any staff, enter 0 (zero)

£0

Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?

10

Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls?

No

Safeguarding

Has the charity obtained a standard, enhanced or enhanced with barred lists DBS check on all trustees, employees and volunteers who are in roles that are eligible for these checks?

Select Yes if there are no trustees, employees or volunteers in roles that are eligible for these types of DBS checks.

Yes

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or**
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or**
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.**

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and**
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest**

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

Your role at the charity (select one):

Trustee

Given names	<input type="text" value="Rachel Onna Sanna"/>
Family name	<input type="text" value="Wallis"/>
Telephone number	<input type="text" value="07824861017"/>
Email	<input type="text" value="president@ecoledescopains.com"/>
Date submitted	<input type="text" value="31/05/2023"/>

It is a criminal offence under section 60 of the Charities Act 2011 for anyone to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information to the commission; this includes suppressing, concealing or destroying documents.

Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B01	-	-
	B02	-	-
Investments (Note 9)	B03	-	-
Total fixed assets	B04	-	-
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-
Debtors (Note 10)	B06	-	968
(Short term) investments	B07	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	14,509	20,435
Total current assets	B09	14,509	21,403
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B10	-	4,155
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	14,509	17,248
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	14,509	17,248
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B13	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-
Net assets	B15	14,509	17,248
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	B16	7,009	9,748
Designated funds	B17	7,500	7,500
Total unrestricted funds		14,509	17,248
Restricted income funds (Note 12)	B18	-	-
Endowment funds (Note 12)	B19	-	-
Total funds	B20	14,509	17,248

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Date of approval

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Note 3

Analysis of incoming resources

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Analysis	Unrestricted £	restricted £	This year £	Last year £
Donations from previous years	8,500		-	
Other donations	2,014		-	3,675
Gift Aid			-	
Total	10,514		-	3,675
Membership	4,565		-	195
Tuition fees	46,198		-	26,444
Other			-	575
Total	50,763		-	27,214
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total			-	-
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Total			-	-
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Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Charity Name
ÉCOLE DES COPAINS EDC

On accounts for the year ended

1st July 2021 → 31st August 2022

Charity no.:	1167503	Company no.:	
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Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended **31/08/2022**

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

✓ I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:


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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

ECOLE DES COPAINS

England & Wales - Charity number 1167503

Accounts

		Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
		From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
		01	JAN	2021	o	31	07	2021

Charity name	Ecole des Copains
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Other names charity is known by	
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Registered charity number (if any)	1167503
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Charity's principal address	MD Accountancy Team Ltd	
	Aspect House, Pattenden Lane Marden,	
	Postcode TN12 9QJ	Tonbridge

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 appoint trustee (if any)
1	Argouges Wladys	Chair	24/06/2021	
2	Pied Arielle	Treasurer	10/07/2021	
3	Ander Aurelie	Communication	10/07/2021	
4	Dupuy Emilie	Event	10/07/2021	
5	Ramos Stephanie	Teacher Liaison	10/07/2021	
6	Costa Julie	Secretary	10/07/2021	
7	Sylla Caroline	assistant Treasurer	05/2016	

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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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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

Elected by members at general meeting or appointed by existing trustees until next general meeting.

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.

A child Protection Policy is in place.

DBS Checks in place for Trustees and Teachers
All trustees give their time on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration of any kind.

This academic year was marked by continuation of COVID management. The Committee and support team ensured all face to face teaching was done in line with government guidance. Therefore teachers and family were requested to test regularly once teaching was allowed on site.

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

To advance the education of children, particularly but not exclusively, through the teaching of the French language and about the diverse cultures of the French-speaking world.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

- Sense of community is further developed through the presence of a library which allows the children to explore their culture and with classes invited to celebrate the good time with celebrations of the Epiphany (as per French tradition and Easter.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Members of the charity contribute to the works of the charity by giving time to help teachers during lessons when possible and to organise social activities.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No formal policy is in place.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

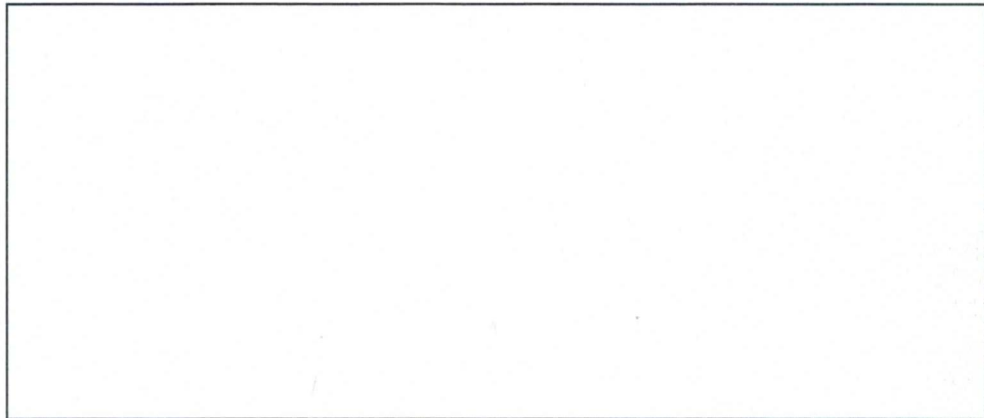
You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- 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.

Main source of funds: Tuition fees for 86 %, Donations 11 % , other sources accounts for 3 %

main expenditures : 14 K

- tuition cost 47 %
- General admin : 20 %
- Accounting Fees : 11 %



Section F Other optional information

Loss : 6 909 £

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

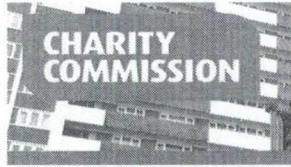
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

11/05/2022



Ecole des copains		1167503			CC39a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	1/1/2021		Period end date	7/31/2021	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Donations, legacies and Grants		3,675	-	-	3,675	4,393
Income resources from charitable activities		27,214	-	-	27,214	30,262
Donations adjust. From previous years		-	-	-	-	8,500
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
Total incoming resources	S01	30,889	-	-	30,889	43,155
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
Cost of charitable activities		23,884	-	-	23,884	18,377
Governance costs		-	-	-	-	-
Management and administration costs		13,914	-	-	13,914	4,433
		-	-	-	-	-

Section B

Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £	Total last year £
		F01	F02
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets (Note 8)	B01	-	-
	B02	-	-
Investments (Note 9)	B03	-	-
Total fixed assets	B04	-	-
Current assets			
Stock and work in progress	B05	-	-
Debtors (Note 10)	B06	968	49,154
(Short term) investments	B07	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	B08	20,435	17,856
Total current assets	B09	21,403	67,010
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 11)	B10	4,155	
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B11	17,248	67,010
Total assets less current liabilities	B12	17,248	67,010
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 11)	B13		44,788
Provisions for liabilities and charges	B14	-	-
Net assets	B15	17,248	22,222
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	B16	9,748	14,722
Designated funds	B17	7,500	7,500

Total unrestricted funds		17,248	22,222
Restricted income funds (Note 12)	B18	-	-
Endowment funds (Note 12)	B19	-	-
Total funds	B20	17,248	22,222

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Date of approval

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Note 3

Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	Unrestricted £	restricted £	This year £	Last year £
Donations, legacies and Grants	Donations from previous years			-	8,500
	Gift Aid			-	1,995
	Other donations	3675		-	2,398
	Total	3675		-	12,893
fees for charitable services	Membership	195		-	4,583
	Tuitions fees	26444		-	25,621
	Other	575		-	58
	Total	27214		-	30,262
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
Total				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
Total				-	-

Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Unrestricted	restricted	This year	Last year
Analysis	£	£	£	£
Cost of charitable activities				
Tuition costs	23884		-	16,905
Premises rent	8740		-	682
Teaching and learning material	276		-	790
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total	32,900		-	18,377
Governance				
Head of teaching and learning	0		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total	-		-	-
Management and administration costs				
Administrator costs	4251		-	4,045
Insurance	355		-	178
Bank charges	62		-	45
Subscriptions	110		-	165
Marketing & promotion	120		-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Note 10 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	968.0	30,431.0	-	-
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income		18,723.0	-	-
Total	968.0	49,154.0	-	-

Note 11 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

11.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	4,155	16,737	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income		28,051	-	-
Total	4,155	44,788	-	-