



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
From	01	09	2022	To	31	08 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Czech School & Community Manchester
Other names charity is known by	Czech School Manchester
Registered charity number (if any)	1170346
Charity's principal address	4 Brindley Road
	Old Trafford
	Manchester
Postcode	M16 9HQ

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	Tereza Kokocinska			Board of Trustees
2	Lenka Halova			Board of Trustees
3	Sydney Bailey			Board of Trustees
4	Petr Prause		From 3 January 2023	Board of Trustees
5	Petra Travnickova		From 1 March 2023	Board of Trustees
6	Helena Wall		Till November 2022	Board of Trustees
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the charity trustees, members of our community are always welcome and invited to step forward to become 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.

The organisation has adopted all required policies:

Health and Safety Policy
Privacy Notice
Safe Recruitment Policy
Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
Fees policy

The trustees meet on a regular basis and manage all activities of the charity in accordance with the constitution.

Mrs Pavla Mataskova is employed as the Headteacher and Managing director of the charity. The charity also hires a manager for the Czech Community Centre

The charity also employs 10 teachers for the Saturday supplementary school.

The school cooperates with other Czech and Slovak Schools in the UK and is a member of the Association of Czech and Slovak Schools in the UK.

The charity also works closely with the Embassy of the Czech Republic in London and the Consulate General in Manchester.

The trustees identified as the major risk to our activities frequent lack or limited number of suitably qualified teaching staff, so we are on a constant look-out for new colleagues.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

To advance education for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively in the language, history, geography, the arts, culture and heritage of the Czech Republic by:

- teaching the Czech language and Czech history and geography to children and young people;
- teaching the Czech language to adults;
- promoting and organising events that support Czech culture, art and folklore; and
- organising educational trips for children and young people

The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit among people who are nationals of the Czech Republic settling in the North West region of England who are or feel they are socially excluded by providing:

- education and training in the English language;
- support and general advice; and
- social and recreational facilities and events involving the local community.

"Socially excluded" means being excluded from society or part of society.

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)

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main focus of our activities was on the education of classes for Czech speaking school-age children (Year 1 – 9 plus a class for children who learn Czech as a foreign language), and 3 pre-school classes for children age 3 – 5 years. In total, we had 55 children enrolled. We open the class for the smallest children (1.5 – 3 years) with their parents. All children lessons were held at St Bede's College Manchester on Saturdays term-time only, in total 36 sessions of 3 hours each.

For the whole Czech community, we organise a number of expats events, for children, whole families as well as Czech adult population. We've been able to renew our traditional events such as Cimbalom music evening, Saint Nicolas day for kids on December, Costume party before the Lent period or Czech is fun (theme educational games). We also organize some new events and make nice tradition of Easter eggs decoration or Christmas wreath making. In the end of the school year we had BBQ when we provided certificates to our kids.

We also run the Czech Community Centre in Manchester, where we provide evening adult courses, more workshops for children and families, cultural events for both children and adults, run our holiday club-like Czech language learning clubs for children, as well as provide the school with a solid base that would support the high quality of teaching and learning we are endeavouring to provide.

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.

Volunteers participation on the planning, management and execution of our events is still below the level we would have liked. All our events as well as main activities are run by the trustees. It is our current aim to try to involve more our community in the everyday running of the organisation. That said, we are very grateful to the parents of the children enrolled at the school who support our events with contributions to our food stalls or raffle and who help with some of our events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have successfully completed first full year of running the Czech Community Centre which fulfils our charity objectives of Promoting and organising Czech culture, art, and folklore events and Providing support and general advice to nationals of the Czech Republic and Slovakia settling in the North West region of England.

Through careful financial management we have also almost doubled our net profit, stabilising thus the organisation in the post-covid environment.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Although we do not have an official policy on reserves, we monitor our cash flow very carefully and always have funds to cover the vitals costs during the year, such as rent and teachers' payments.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

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 income of the school is from the school fees. We keep them to the bare minimum as we want the school to be affordable to the widest possible community. The fees have remained on the same level since the school opened in February 2011.

The fees are supplemented by our fundraising activities during our events, such as raffle, food donations to our food stalls, etc.

We are also recipients of grants from the Czech Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

Following the contractual agreement with the Department of Education we will also be recipients of a regular subsidy based on number of pupils, teaching costs and a coefficient as set up by the DofE of the Czech Republic.

Section F



Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Lenka Halova	Petr Prause
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	19/07/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Czech School and Community Manchester

No 1170346

Receipts and payments accounts

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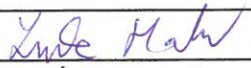
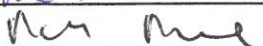
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	9/1/2022		8/31/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Charitable activities - Fees	19,174	-	-	19,174	18,043
Donations	3,049	-	-	3,049	248
Grants	51,050	-	-	51,050	44,381
Fundraising events	5,532	-	-	5,532	4,673
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	78,805	-	-	78,805	67,345
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	78,805	-	-	78,805	67,345
A3 Payments					
Teaching salaries	19,002	-	-	19,002	15,404
Management and administrations	12,150	-	-	12,150	10,300
Rent	27,962	-	-	27,962	21,295
Other services (storage, web, postage, telephone, internet, printing, staff training)	5,210	-	-	5,210	3,516
Consumables and general expenses	3,164	-	-	3,164	6,505
Travel expenses	1,640	-	-	1,640	2,925
Books and materials	657	-	-	657	1,363
Insurance	352	-	-	352	247
Other	960	-	-	960	960
Sub total	71,097	-	-	71,097	62,515
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	71,097	-	-	71,097	62,515
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,708	-	-	7,708	4,830
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,638	-	-	6,638	-
Cash funds this year end	14,346	-	-	14,346	4,830

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank account	33,234	-	-
	Petty cash	454	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,688	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Lenka Halova	19.7.2024
		Petr Prause	19.7.2024



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Czech School & Community Manchester

On accounts for the year
ended

31/08/2023

Charity no
(if any) 1170346

Set out on pages

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Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023.

As the charity'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 (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:

Alice Mason

Date:

14/07/2024

Name:

ALICE MASON

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

MCIB - Member Institute of Certified
Accountants

Address:

13 STONE PIT CLOSE, LONDON, WA 3 2TD

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.

N/A
