



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date **01/09/2024** to Period end date **31/08/2025**

Charity name: **LA RECRE**

Charity registration number: **1174400**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the CIO is to enable French speaking children in Southampton and the neighbouring area to use and further develop their linguistic capabilities as well as knowledge of French language and culture in an extracurricular environment. The children will be able to complement the education they receive in English Schools, by following a programme based on the guidelines established by the French Education Ministry (Ministère de l'éducation nationale) for teaching French as a mother tongue. The supplementary education is aimed primarily at children aged 18 months to 18 years old. The CIO also aims to be a meeting point and sharing environment for French speaking families through the provision of various activities.
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	La Récré was founded in May 2015 as a community group, started its activities in June 2015 and became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in August 2017 (registration number 1174400). This report concludes the 8th year operating as a charity with both volunteers and self-employed members of staff. As in the previous years, sessions were held in person at Bitterne Park Secondary school.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	Para 1.18	We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and taken them into account when making any relevant decision.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making.	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment.	Para 1.38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All staff are DBS checked and/or we check their French 'extrait de casier judiciaire' if they have been in the UK for less than 1 year. - To facilitate the integration of new staff, we provide an induction process, covering the ethos of our charity, the structure, the procedures and expectations. - La Récré maintains its membership of UK Parapluie FLAM (Français Langue Maternelle or French as a mother tongue) and global FLAM monde. These networks enable us to exchange ideas and processes and provide training courses for the board, the teaching and administration staff. - All members of the education, administration and board teams undertook safeguarding training also organised by the Parapluie FLAM network. - All staff are invited to attend FLAM meetings if interested and La Récré covers the session fees and expenses if applicable.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Para 1.38	La Récré has many volunteers ready to help and to support when needed, covering during the absence of other staff, and helping at the school library.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>As of July 2025, La Récré had 104 registered pupils, a small increase from the 101 of the previous year.</p> <p>In 2024/2025, La Récré was run by a team of 11 teachers and assistants.</p> <p>For the 7th year, La Récré continued to partially subsidise fortnightly two extra classes to prepare for three "Diplôme d'études en langue française" (DEL F), namely DEL F A2, DEL F B1 and DEL F B2.</p> <p>Since its creation La Récré has maintained an efficient running of the organisation and provides quality lessons to children by qualified and enthusiastic staff. This has not always been an easy task due to staff turnover and difficulties in recruitment.</p> <p>La Récré's vision remains to expose children to the French language and culture whilst having fun and making friends.</p> <p>This year was a special year for La Récré as we celebrated our 10th anniversary with a school fayre and a special celebration.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set.	Para 1.41	<p>This year, having sent our annual satisfaction survey to families a little bit earlier, we received a much better response rate with 27 members out of 67 families</p> <p>Noting that members response can include multiple children: 26 respondents were satisfied with the sessions, none expressed dissatisfaction. 24 respondents were satisfied with the cursus 22 respondents noticed significant progress in French, mainly in enthusiasm, speaking and vocabulary abilities. 26 respondents were satisfied with the teaching team</p> <p>26 respondents were also satisfied with how La Récré is run and none were dissatisfied.</p> <p>Overall, this survey shows that La Récré continues to achieve its goals, mainly by supporting and improving children's learning</p>
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		of the French Language and their curiosity for French language and culture. We believe in an engaging and relaxed environment in small classes, managed by enthusiastic teachers and assistants and this is our key to this success which we are keen to maintain.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set.	Para 1.41	No fundraising activities were organised.
Investment performance against objectives.	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>For the academic year 2024/2025, La Récré had healthy accounts, with a net balance of £15,561 at the end of the last term.</p> <p>We have had to introduce a small increase in membership fees to counteract the various increases in rent and wages.</p> <p>Membership during the period increased from 55 to 67 families.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>These reserves enable the school to weather unforeseen additional expenses should they arise.</p> <p>They will also be used to organise special events such as theatre shows or thematic sessions.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of August 2025, we had £15,561 left in reserve.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds were materially in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The main difficulties and uncertainties are still related to the recruitment of suitable teachers. However, we are lucky to have parent volunteers ready to step in, allowing us to maintain teaching quality and cover during the absence of other staff.</p> <p>The increase in running costs due to inflation and high energy costs (mainly rooms renting) is a concern and should the increase in rents not be sustainable, La Récré shall look for alternative and cheaper spaces to rent.</p> <p>An additional concern appeared during the last term of 2024/2025, with BPS outsourcing its rental operations to a commercial third-party called Vivify Venues (https://www.vivifyvenues.com/), which introduces several operational challenges and policy changes likely to cause significant disruption to our operations in the near future.</p>

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 principal sources of funds are membership and fees from participants
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The increase in running costs due to inflation and high energy costs.</p> <p>As the current managing team is faced with their own children outgrowing the school, the Board has recognized the need to recruit Board members amongst the intake of new parents to ensure the continued survival of La Récré.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:			
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO	
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	Elected at the AGM by the members. Or appointed by Trustees until the next AGM	

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	A guidance document on the roles & duties is provided to all new trustees, in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.	Para 1.51	La Récré works closely with Bitterne Park School in Southampton. La Récré rents the premises as the lessons are held in the 6 th form building of Bitterne Park School.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>La Récré is part of the UK Parapluie FLAM (Français Langue Maternelle) network which regroups about 50 FLAM schools in the United Kingdom. This network is recognised and supported by the French Agency for the Teaching of French Language abroad.</p> <p>La Récré also joined the newly created FLAM Monde (https://flammonde.org/) organisation regrouping all country-specific FLAM entities. FLAM Monde is supported by the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) and the Agency for French Education Abroad (AEFE).</p>

Other		<u>Risks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered by all board members. • Regular policy review process. • Particular attention is given to the safeguarding policy and its implementation. • With the increase of members and of responsibilities, the board continues to hold a trustee's insurance.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	La Récré	
Other name the charity uses	La Récré Southampton	
Registered charity number	1174400	
Charity's principal address	36 Salisbury Street Fordingbridge, Hampshire SP6 1AF	

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	Jeanne-Francoise Williamson	Chair		Members
	2	Sandrine Morawek	Secretary		Members
	3	Caryl Takvorian	Trustee		Members
	4	Nelly Payne	Trustee		Members
	5	Maggie Adams	Treasurer		Members
	6	Lina Rebaine	Trustee		Members
	7	Christine Courtier	Trustee		Members
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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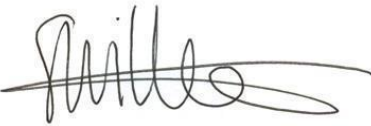

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sandrine Morawek	Caryl Takvorian
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY/TRUSTEE	TRUSTEE
Date	4/12/2025	4/12/2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LA RÉCRÉ

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of La Récré (the Charity) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



Mr J P Foxwell FCCA FCIE
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12 Hillbourne Road, Poole, BH17 7JB

Date: 24 January 2026



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La Recre			1174400		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from		01/09/2024	To	31/08/2025	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership (all members)	840	-	-	840	804
Student fees	25,507	-	-	25,507	24,857
Interest	146	-	-	146	120
Donation	3	-	-	3	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,496	-	-	26,496	25,781
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,496	-	-	26,496	25,781
A3 Payments					
Hire of rooms	5,000	-	-	5,000	3,240
Stationary & teaching resources	463	-	-	463	604
DELf exam fees	-	-	-	-	-
Teaching staff	12,633	-	-	12,633	12,636
Insurance	969	-	-	969	936
Administration staff	3,450	-	-	3,450	2,485
Training	53	-	-	53	17
Health & safety	931	-	-	931	47
Marketing & Com	121	-	-	121	424
FLAM membership	248	-	-	248	117
Events	2,176	-	-	2,176	248
Sub total	26,044	-	-	26,044	20,753
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,044	-	-	26,044	20,753
Net of receipts/(payments)	452	-	-	452	5,028
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,109	-	-	15,109	10,081
Cash funds this year end	15,561	-	-	15,561	15,109

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,561	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Marguerite Adams	Marguerite Adams	4/12/2025	
	Sandrine Morawek	Sandrine Morawek	4/12/2025	