

Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
From		Period start date			To		Period end date	
		1	August	2022			31	July

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Gambia School Support		
Other names charity is known by	GSS		
Registered charity number (if any)	1176136		
Charity's principal address	Goulds House		
	Greatham		
	Hampshire		
	Postcode	GU33 6HA	

### 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	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris	Chairman		
2	Edward Peter Dale-Harris			
3	Robert Whitcombe	Treasurer		
4	Nicolas Stevenson	Secretary		
5	Timothy Lodge			
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### Names of trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 27 November 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by the members. They will retire at the next AGM but shall be eligible for re-election.

### 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.

Gambia School Support (GSS) was registered by the UK Charity Commission on the 6 December 2017.

The money raised by GSS is paid into its Charities Aid Foundation Bank account in the UK and is transferred to the 'Gambia Schools Project' bank account held with the Trust Bank of The Gambia.

GSS's implementing partner in The Gambia is an organisation known as the 'Gambian Management Team'.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The relief of poverty, the preservation of health and advancement of education in The Gambia, West Africa, in particular but not exclusively by helping with nursery school provision by working with nursery schools, the local community, local government bodies and other charities to provide good education, sporting facilities, healthcare and nutritional supplements for the children.

**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)**

GSS currently assists 12 ECD (Early Child Development) schools (State provision at ECD level is minimal).

The schools we assist must be 'not for profit' community schools and meet certain pre-agreed standards to qualify for GSS's help.

At present the 12 schools have 1,700 pupils enrolled.

As required by Section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the Charity Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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

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



## Section D Achievements and performance

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

GSS now assists 12 pre-primary community schools with 1,700 pupils aged 3-7. We work with MoBSE (Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education) and the local school 'Boards'. Our projects are implemented by an organisation called the 'Gambian Management Team' (GMT), who are capable and experienced locals. GSS has continued to help build the capabilities and capacity of the GMT to enable it to become an established service provider.

We support a bespoke 'Teacher & Training Development Program', recognised as being one of the best of its kind in the country. This program comprises an intensive course of workshops which all the teachers attend. We have also set up a team of 3 coach/inspectors who visit each school monthly to provide 'on the job' coaching in the classroom and complete an inspection. The teaching has been steadily improving. This has been measured since March 2023 with every teacher being appraised at the end of each term.

We have now adopted the UNICEF ECDI2030 method of assessing the development of the children which will enable us to measure the impact our intervention is making.

GSS's plan is to grow the project as quickly as the constraints allow. The main constraints are raising sufficient funds and the capacity of the GMT.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

GSS reserves policy is to hold 12 months running costs, currently £90,000.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

## 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.

### ***Fundraising activities***

***Over one third of GSS's income is from monthly donations from private individuals.***

***The remainder is from charitable trusts, corporate giving funds and other philanthropic organisations.***

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

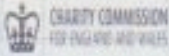
## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jonathan Roderick Dale-Harris	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date		

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

	<b>Gambia School Support</b>	<b>1176136</b>	<b>CC16a</b>
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
<b>For the period from</b>		<b>To</b>	<b>Period end date</b>
01/08/2023			31/07/2024

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 £	
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	92,367	-	-	92,367	108,241	
Gift aid	7,631	-	-	7,631	5,807	
Interest	1,326	-	-	1,326	166	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>101,324</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,324</b>	<b>114,214</b>	
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>101,324</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,324</b>	<b>114,214</b>	
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Good Schools Project Charity	90,000	-	-	90,000	110,000	
Bank charges	66	-	-	66	103	
Travel expenses - Trustees	3,683	-	-	3,683	6,229	
Other	967	-	-	967	1,219	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>94,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,716</b>	<b>117,551</b>	
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>						
	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>94,716</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,716</b>	<b>117,551</b>	
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,608</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,608</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,337</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>114,477</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>114,477</b>	<b>117,814</b>	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>121,085</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,085</b>	<b>114,477</b>	



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	121,085	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	121,085	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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		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

*M. Hoffman*

J. R. DALE-HARRIS  
R. J. WHITCOMBE

3/10/24  
3/10/24





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Gambia School Support

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 July 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1176136

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2024

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent  
examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

02/10/24

Name:

James Robbins

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

ACCA

Address:

The Old Post Office, High Street, Hartley Wintney, Hampshire RG27 8NZ

Section B

Disclosure

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