



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month 4	Year 23		Day 31	Month 3	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Tetara Debi Education Charity
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1191287
Charity's principal address	20 Brunel Close
	Romford
	Essex
	Postcode RM1 4GR

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	Birendra Singh	Chair		The Board of Trustees
2	Carol Singh	Secretary, Treasurer		
3	Michael Young			
4	Donald Wilton			
5	Penelope Higham			
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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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution, 15 September 2020
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing 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.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

Advancing education for the public benefit by the provision of a school for children aged 5 to 18 in the district of Siwan, Bihar, India.

**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)**

Provision of a school building, furnishings, teaching staff, teaching resources and school bus.

The school provides employment for 5 teachers (including the principal) from the local area and a part-time graduate adviser, as well as a driver for the school bus and a school cleaner.

The school serves a mixed community of Muslims and Hindus and provides a fully inclusive education to children in the locality, regardless of their gender, class, caste or religion.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and are all fully committed to ensuring that this is upheld.

#### **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.

There are two young graduates who live locally and who volunteer for around four hours a week each on average. They support the work of the teachers and in particular are able to help children in developing basic IT skills. The school now has 5 laptops donated from the UK and taken to the school by Trustees on visits to the school.

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

The Charity improvements made in the school building by the addition of a reception area and school office, have continued to enhance the experience of parents and visitors and support the administrative functions of the staff and principal.

The number of pupils in attendance remains above 80, and the school continues to have a very positive reputation in the locality. It is seen as innovative and a place where pupils thrive.

The curriculum now includes science, maths, reading and writing in Hindi and local languages, and English, mainly spoken with a little reading and writing

The science includes learning about the solar system and plant growth and we are introducing some study of local plants and plant life-cycles. We have been fortunate to receive support from The Commonwealth Association of Science, Technology & Mathematics Educators (CASTME), which links science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) educators across the Commonwealth. CASTME partners with Findel International Education Resources to sponsor annual awards, and in both 2022 and 2023 the TDEC was awarded prizes in the Community (2022) and Education (2023) categories. The prizes have provided £200 worth of science equipment, including hand held magnifiers and magnets, and measuring equipment - jugs, weighing scales, a trundle wheel and a window thermometer – plus some lovely posters showing the life cycle of a plant, and an 'Intro to Structures Bridges Set'. All of this has all been taken to the school (March 2024) to develop and support the emphasis on practical work – using the equipment, growing seeds, and looking at gravity, magnetism etc. in the context of play. This kind of approach to teaching science is new in terms of education in this part of India, where rote learning is the default in both private and state schools.

In addition, the Trustees have taken donated and refurbished laptops to the school and the children are beginning to have some experience of using these to learn keyboard skills.

All of this equipment is really supporting our approach and helping the teachers to develop their own understanding too, as they work with the children

Maths is based on the English National Curriculum with a focus on counting, place value, number bonds and relationships, and e.g. understanding commutativity and associativity for addition and multiplication.

In March 2024 the Chairperson of the Trustees visited India and spent several weeks at the school. On this extended visit he worked with and supported the teachers on all of these things, running after-school training sessions which the teachers welcomed and enjoyed! As a retired Ofsted Inspector and Head of the Science Education Department at a University Teacher Training institution, his expertise was invaluable.

The Tetara Debi Academy continues to support poorer families in the community by keeping fees to a minimum, and in cases of hardship fees for children are waived. A school bus, funded by the Charity, is used to ensure that, where appropriate/necessary, pupils are safely transported from home to school and back again. The bus is fully paid for and the Charity provides the funds to maintain the vehicle and employ the driver.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

The Charity is funded entirely from donations and occasional fund-raising activities. Regular monthly donations have increased again in the last twelve months with contributions from friends and family of the Trustees, and the Trustees themselves.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

No reserves held.  
All incoming funds have been held in the current account.  
All financial commitments have been met and the account is in credit.

### 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.

The Charity continues to be funded entirely from regular small donations and occasional larger donated sums, from around 30+ friends of the Charity. These donations are sufficient to cover the day-to-day running costs of the school, including salaries, classroom resources and general maintenance. However, at the present time the school is at capacity in terms of the space available for pupils and there is an urgent need to raise some capital funds to support the next phase of the building programme. This will be the focus of the next twelve months.

## 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)

Carol L Singh

Birendra Singh

Full name(s)

Carol Lesley Singh

Birendra Singh

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Date	Secretary	Chair
	19/01/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Tetara Debi Education Charity	No (if any) 1191287
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	4/1/2023	To	3/31/2024
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	10,175	-	-	10,175	13,908
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	10,175	-	-	10,175	13,908
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	10,175	-	-	10,175	13,908
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries	4,540	-	-	4,540	-
Bus maintenance	110	-	-	110	-
Admin	95	-	-	95	-
Building repairs and maintenance	1,100	-	-	1,100	-
Independence day celebrations	50	-	-	50	-
Electricity bill	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	5,955	-	-	5,955	14,480
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
School equipment and furniture	610	-	-	610	-
Books	200	-	-	200	-
<b>Sub total</b>	810	-	-	810	-
<b>Total payments</b>	6,765	-	-	6,765	14,480
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	3,410	-	-	3,410	572
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	30	-	-	30	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	3,440	-	-	3,440	572

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	Account balance at 31 March 2024	3,440	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	3,440	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	C L Singh	C L SINGH	1/18/2025	