



Registered charity number 1196030

Al-Aqsa Educational Centre

Annual report for the financial period ending 31 March 2024

Al-Aqsa Educational Centre

Report of the Trustees for the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

The trustees present their annual report and unaudited financial statements for the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name Al-Aqsa Educational Centre

Charity Registration Number 1196030

Principal Office 496 Whippendell Road
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Board of Trustees

Samar Elhames
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Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Al-Aqsa Educational Centre is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in October 2021 under charity number 1196030.

Organisational structure

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefit for their duties as trustees. Payments for any other activities are disclosed separately in the financial accounts.

The trustees are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the educational centre and activities provided by the charity. Specific administrative duties are delegated to staff.

Risk management

The trustees have developed a safeguarding policy that is reviewed to assess its continual appropriateness and application. Additional steps have been taken to identify and mitigate major risks. In particular, insurance cover is in place and the finances of the Charity are kept under review. Appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, supported by regularly review policies, are made for all those who work with children within the Charity.

Objectives and activities

Our aims

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's governing document:

To advance the Islamic religion for the benefit of the public through the provision of Islamic education according to the Quran and Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad.

To advance the education of the public in the study of the Arabic language.

Our objectives

Our objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims. These objectives and activities have been reviewed to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. This has taken into consideration the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

The overall objective is to provide young people and adults in the local community with self-confidence and a well-rounded understanding of Islam that will allow them to develop and contribute positively to society.

The main objectives are:

Provide weekly classes for young people and adults to study Islam, Quranic recitation and the Arabic language.

Strategies

Fees are continuously assessed for affordability while still maintaining financial viability. Discounts are offered to larger families and for those requesting financial assistance.

There is regular communication with parents to update on term activities, obtain feedback and share ideas. End of term reports are sent to parents giving a summary of student progress.

Enrolment is open to all, with students attending from a variety of religious backgrounds.

Activities and achievements

How our activities deliver public benefit

The trustees consider that the activities carried out in pursuit of its charitable aims benefit directly those who attend the classes provided as well as the wider community.

Weekend Classes

Regular weekend classes continued with an increase in student numbers compared to the previous year from 100 (Summer Term 2022/23) to 150 (Autumn Term 2023/24). Student numbers then fell to 127 at year end. This was largely due the older boys' class being stopped owing to difficulties finding replacement teachers. The weekend classes taught the full curriculum of Quranic recitation, Arabic language and Islamic Studies to children. New Quran recitation classes were also started for ladies.

Weekday Classes

Weekday classes continued with a waiting list due to parental demand. There are two classes per day, three days per week after school with two teachers per class. Classes are small (maximum 13 students) in order to ensure appropriate supervision and maintain standards.

Financial review

Principal funding sources

The main source of funding is student fees (£62,031) with a small contribution from donations (£56). Course fees are mainly paid termly for weekend classes and monthly for weekday supplementary classes.

Principal costs

The main costs are:

- Teacher payment £30,840
- Classroom £30,330
- Books £5,278

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Ahmad Khalid (Trustee)

6 August 2025

Al-Aqsa Educational Centre
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Receipts					
Student fee		62,031	-	62,031	56,911
Donations		56	-	56	264
Total receipts		62,087	-	62,087	57,175
Payments					
Classroom hire		30,330	-	30,330	6,400
Staff payment	2	30,840	-	30,840	26,100
Books		5,278	-	5,278	6,337
IT		623	-	623	1,333
Other		1,074	-	1,074	791
Total payments		68,145	-	68,145	40,961
Net of receipts/(payments)		(6,058)	-	(6,058)	16,214
Cash funds last year end		30,562	-	30,562	14,348
Cash funds this year end		24,504	-	24,504	30,562

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on date and signed on their behalf by:

Ahmad Khalid

Trustee

6 August 2025

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting policies

a. Financial policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with CC16 as the gross income is less than £250,000.

b. Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

2. Staff payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Staff payments			
Unconnected persons	29,540	-	29,540
Connected persons	1,300	-	1,300
Total	30,840	-	30,840

3. Classroom hire

Classroom payments included payment for the academic years 2022/23 (£15,910) and 2023/24 (£14,420).



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AL-AQSA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

1196030

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Apr-23


To

31-Mar-24

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					
Student fee	62,031	-	-	62,031	56,911
Donations	56	-	-	56	264
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	62,087	-	-	62,087	57,175
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	62,087	-	-	62,087	57,175
A3 Payments					
Classroom hire	30,330	-	-	30,330	6,400
Teacher payment (unconnected persons)	29,540	-	-	29,540	22,700
Teacher payment (connected persons)	1,300	-	-	1,300	3,400
Books	5,278	-	-	5,278	6,337
IT	623	-	-	623	1,333
Other	1,074	-	-	1,074	791
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	68,145	-	-	68,145	40,961
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	68,145	-	-	68,145	40,961
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,058	-	-	- 6,058	16,214
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,562	-	-	30,562	14,348
Cash funds this year end	24,504	-	-	24,504	30,562

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 & cash in hand	24,504	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,504	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			AHMAD KHALID	06/08/2025

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31/03/2024
FOR
AL-AQSA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

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Independent examiner's report to the Members of AL-AQSA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

I report to the members on my examination of the accounts of the AL-AQSA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE for the period ended 31/03/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the members of the Centre you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The committee consider that an audit is not required for the year and that an independent examination is needed.

My responsibilities:

- Examine the accounts
- To state whether particular matter have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have conducted an independent examination of the Centre's financial statements for the year ending 31/03/2024.

Our examination was conducted to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The procedure includes a review of the accounting records kept by the club and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

The financial statements include the balance sheet as at 31/03/2024 and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended.

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) to keep accounting records
- (2) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met

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:

Name: Mohammed Khayam ACMA, AFA

Address: 31, Metro Centre, Dwight Road, Watford, WD18 9SB

Date: 04/11/2024

AL-AQSA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE
Income & Expenditure Account for the period ended 31/03/2024

	Notes	2024 £
Revenue	3	62,087.00
Other Income		-
Administrative Expenses	4	68,145.00
Other expenses		-
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Surplus/(deficit) for the year		(6,058.00)
Surplus/(deficit) brought forward		
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Surplus/(deficit) carried forward		<u>(6,058.00)</u>

AL-AQSA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE
Balance Sheet as at 31st of March 2024

	Sch	2024 £
Fixed Assets		-
Current Assets		
Cash at bank		<u>24,504.00</u>
		24,504.00
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>-</u>
Net current Assets/(liabilities)		24,504.00
Net Assets/(liabilities)		<u><u>24,504.00</u></u>
 Members General Funds		 24,504.00
Members' funds- surplus/(deficit)		<u><u>24,504.00</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the committee on the _____ and are signed on their behalf by the Committee Chairman

AL-AQSA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE
Notes to Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards.

2. TAXATION

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on the ordinary activities for the year ended 31/03/2024

3. REVENUE

	2024
	£
Student Fee	62031
Donation	56
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	62087
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4. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2024 £
Classroom hire	30330
Teacher payment	30840
Books	5278
IT	623
Other	1074
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