CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01-Jan-2025 (Period start date) To 31-Dec-2025 (Period end date)

Charity name: L'ecole des Filous

Charity registration number: 1165754

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance education in the French language and culture in such ways as the trustees shall think fit in East Hertfordshire and the surrounding area, in particular by providing tuition to bilingual children attending local schools who have an existing knowledge and understanding of the French language to enable them to practise the French language as an extra-curricular activity in order to extend their written and oral linguistic skills and by providing tuition to promote their understanding of the diverse cultures of the French speaking world.
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	• Providing French language tuition to bilingual children in East Hertfordshire and surrounding areas every Saturday morning during term time for 2 hours. The quality of teaching continues to be valued by our members. Our teachers are native French speakers and are either qualified teachers or experienced in teaching children. Our aim is to maintain small classes (around 8 children per teacher) in order to preserve a close teacher/pupil relationship and support children with different levels of French. During 2025, L'École des Filous maintained 3 classes, supported by 2 teaching assistants. • Offering a French literature library with access for our students and their families. • Organising social and cultural activities for our students and their families. During 2025 these included activities around La Galette des Rois, Pancake Day and an Easter egg hunt, as well as a Christmas show.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	N/A
Other		N/A

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	2025 was an important year of transition for L'École des Filous. The charity completed the 2024/25 academic year, from January to July 2025, at Larkspur in Ware. From the start of the 2025/26 academic year in September 2025, the Saturday school relocated to Summercroft Primary School in Bishop's Stortford. Throughout 2025, the charity maintained 3 classes and continued to provide French language tuition to fewer than 30 pupils, with 3 teachers supported by 2 teaching assistants. The teaching team continued to manage differing levels of spoken and written French within classes while maintaining a close relationship with pupils. The charity continued to promote French language and culture through activities including La Galette des Rois, Pancake Day and an Easter egg hunt, together with a Christmas show. Communication with families is now mainly managed through the school's WhatsApp Community, alongside the L'École des Filous website and Seesaw. QuickFile continued to be used during 2025 for financial administration and invoicing.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above for full details
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During 2025, L'École des Filous completed the 2024/25 academic year at Larkspur in Ware and relocated its Saturday school to Summercroft Primary School in Bishop's Stortford from September 2025. The charity maintained 3 classes throughout the year. There was no change to the rental arrangements at Larkspur during the first part of 2025. The move to Summercroft introduced higher premises charges for the new academic year. The charity decided not to increase tuition fees when the school moved and maintained the existing fee levels during 2025, in order to avoid immediately passing the increased premises costs on to families. Total receipts recorded during 2025 were £8,823.34 and total expenditure was £11,035.36, resulting in a deficit of £2,212.02 for the year. The charity entered 2025 with total cash resources of £14,112.87, comprising £14,076.30 held in the bank account and £36.57 of petty cash. At 31 December 2025, total cash resources were £11,900.85, comprising £11,864.28 held in the bank account and £36.57 of petty cash. The charity therefore had sufficient cash resources to absorb the 2025 deficit while continuing its educational activities. The trustees will continue to monitor premises costs, tuition fees and the overall cost base following the move to Bishop's Stortford. The trustees continue to plan to use available funds, where appropriate, to invest in new books for the library, organise workshops, arrange trips to French-speaking shows in or around London in collaboration with other French schools and, potentially, arrange an exchange with a French school. The charity also continues to keep under consideration the possibility of opening classes to British children or adults alongside the bilingual children currently attending L'École des Filous.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not currently operate a formal reserves policy or maintain a separate reserve account. However, the trustees aim to maintain sufficient unrestricted cash balances to provide financial resilience and to cover operating costs in the event of unexpected expenditure or fluctuations in income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	No formally designated reserve amount. At 31 December 2025, the charity held total cash resources of £11,900.85, including £36.57 of petty cash.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Although no funds are formally designated as reserves, the accumulated unrestricted cash balance provides cover against the charity's ongoing operating costs. The trustees will continue to review the appropriate level of funds to retain, particularly following the move to Bishop's Stortford and the higher premises charges associated with the new location.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Account – Year end 2025 (January to December)

Expenses			Income	
Teachers fees and management cost	£6,940.95		Tuition fees and other receipts	£8,823.34
School rental costs	£1,904.20			
Other expenses	£1,821.46			
Insurance	£243.25			
FLAM subscription	£125.50			
Total expenses	£11,035.36		Total income	£8,823.34
Deficit	£2,212.02			
Balance carried forward from 2024	£14,112.87			
Bank balance at the end of 2025	£11,864.28			
Petty cash at the end of 2025	£36.57		Total cash at end of 2025	£11,900.85

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 charity's principal source of funds is tuition and subscription fees paid by the families of children attending L'École des Filous.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Recruiting suitable experienced French-speaking teaching staff remains an operational risk. During 2025, recruitment was challenging and required a number of attempts before suitable teaching resource was secured. The trustees also continue to monitor the charity's operating costs, particularly the higher premises charges following the relocation to Bishop's Stortford, while seeking to keep tuition affordable for families.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of charity trustees.

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	As per constitution and including safeguarding training and DBS if deemed required.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Part of 'Parapluie FLAM', a French organisation grouping several Saturday schools teaching French and providing educational, cultural and administrative support.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	L'ecole des filous
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1165754
Charity's principal address	61 Wentworth Drive BISHOP'S STORTFORD Hertfordshire CM23 2PD

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	Marine Yalicheff	Chair		
2	Estelle Kerby			
3	Gaelle Morriseau			
4	Nadege Galle		From 1 Jan 2025	
5	Solene Gilbert-Debaisieux		From 17 Jan 2025	
6	Benjamin Garcia	Treasurer	From 18 Jan 2025	
7	Leopold Fischer		From 28 Jun 2025	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A	**N/A**	**N/A**

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	
N/A	**N/A**	**N/A**

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

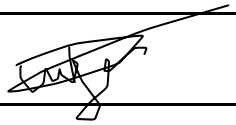
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Other optional information

N/A

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)	Marine Yalicheff	Benjamin Garcia
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date		12/10/2026