Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	January	2025	**To**	31	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bright Start Education and Mentorship Programme
Other names charity is known by	Bright Start UK
Registered charity number (if any)	119305
Charity's principal address	14a Harpenden Road St Albans London **Postcode** **AL3 5AD**

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	Charles Anthony Pringle	Chairman		
2	Zilla Margaret Schuurmans-Stekhoven	Secretary		
3	Andre Strydom	Treasurer		
4	Andrew George Porton	Trustee		
5	Wendy Theresa Garrard	Trustee		
6	Amy Iris von Engelhardt-Schoenheyden	Trustee		

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
NA		

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity 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.

The following policies were adopted:

- Data Privacy Policy
- Grant Making Policy
- Memorandum of Understanding between Bright Start South Africa and Bright Start UK

Section C Objectives and activities

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

For the public benefit, to advance the education of children living in deprived or disadvantaged areas in South Africa including but without limitation by providing grants to Bright Start South Africa to support education and provide activities and projects that are charitable according to the laws of England and Wales

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)

Main activities undertaken:

- Selection of Bright Start South Africa as the core charity to support and signature of the memorandum of understanding between the 2 organisations
- Provision of coaching and mentoring to staff in South Africa
- Establishing a structure for managing the charity such as: coaching for education manager, opening of a bank account (completed) and fundraising channels, registration for Gift Aid (completed)
- Capacity development and strategic input to Bright Start South Africa
- Fundraising

All trustees declare that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit

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.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Main achievements:

- Progress made in conversations with potential fundraisers
- Agreement and relationship development with Bright Start South Africa
- Capacity development and strategic advice given to Bright Start South Africa
- Development of the Website and Social Media presence

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The charity has commenced operations and as of yet do not have any significant fixed costs to maintain other than bank charges. The trustees have therefore decided to maintain enough reserves to cover any possible bank charges. At the end of the year, the funds available cover the annual bank charges paid during 2025 more than 20 times. The reserves are therefore sufficient at this stage. Should operations expand to such a degree that more fixed overheads are required, the reserve policy will be reviewed by the board of trustees.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	No deficit to report.

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 principal source of funds will be donations from the public through various fund-raising initiatives and gift-aid assistance.

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)	Charles Anthony Pringle	Andre Strydom
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer

Date 20/10/2026

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
BRIGHT START EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME	

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

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					
Donations received	11 600	-	-	11 600	20 670
Gift aid receipts	945	-	-	945	2 633
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	12 545	-	-	12 545	23 303
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12 545	-	-	12 545	23 303
A3 Payments					
Bank charges	50	-	-	50	25
Grants awarded	12 100	-	-	12 100	23 000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12 150	-	-	12 150	23 025
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	12 150	-	-	12 150	23 025
Net of receipts/(payments)	395	-	-	395	278
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	631	-	-	631	353
Cash funds this year end	1 026	-	-	1 026	631

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	Cash and cash equivalents	1 026	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1 026	-	-
	(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
	Charles Anthony Pringle | Chairman	20/10/2026
	Andre Strydom | Treasurer	20/10/2026