



Charities Policy

Mission Statement

This is our school St Werburgh's and St Columba's

A place to be inspired, be accepted, be yourself and be unique.

Be able to grow spiritually, academically and morally.

Be able to contribute to the community and be a responsible global citizen.

Be able to reach for the stars and fulfil your potential.

A place providing an excellent Catholic education for everyone.

Where we belong, where everyone belongs.

Action: September 2025

Review: Autumn Term 2027

Rationale

As a Catholic School we acknowledge our responsibility to heed follow our Mission Statement and the words of Christ our Saviour....." Love one another, as I have loved you." All members of the school community have made a commitment to the poor.

Purpose

We, at St Werburgh's and St. Columba's Catholic School, aim to foster positive links between home; school; parish; community and the wider community and to promote justice and peace.

To these ends, we encourage a generous and spontaneous response to appeals for aid whether in the form of prayer or practical help.

- 1 Staff and pupils are involved in Parish fund-raising activities.
- 2 We respond to appeals within our Parish communities e.g. SVP.
- 3 We make contributions to the local Food bank.
- 4 We mark CAFOD days with acts of self-denial and fund-raising activities. We also support The Good Shepherd charity during Lent.
- 5 We encourage pupils to raise money within school for other charitable causes e.g. Sharesop, the Memusi Foundation and cancer charities which they feel are important and that are consistent with our Catholic ethos.
- 6 Pupils contribute to Harvest collections.
- 7 We encourage a spontaneous response to appeals for aid at times of disaster.
- 8 We respond to the annual Poppy appeal organised by the Royal British Legion.
9. We support local charities for the homeless.
10. Mini Vinnies a group of KS2 pupils identify local, national and international charities and organise fund raising events.

We receive numerous calls for help, throughout the year, from a variety of charitable organisations.

We recognise the generosity of parents and families in our School Community but acknowledge their limited resources.

CONCLUSION

This policy should reflect our response to the Gospel reflected in our Mission Statement and Religious Education Policy. As a school community we endeavor to share what we have with others. Sharing may take the form of gestures, gifts, prayer or material goods. To this end we have signed a covenant with the poor.

MONITORING:

This policy will be monitored regularly and reviewed every two years.