

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy



Policy on Charities

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy seeks to represent the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and the teaching of the Catholic Church as we strive to develop the talents of every member of our community.

'We can and we will follow in Jesus' footsteps'

1. Introduction

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy, we value the life and dignity of every human being as made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, we acknowledge our obligation to support and care for those in need within our local community and further afield.

As a Catholic school, it is our duty to uphold Gospel Values alongside the Social and Moral Teachings of the Catholic Church. Therefore, we take care to ensure that all causes we support are compatible with Church Teaching.

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth.
(Jeremiah 1:5)

2. Our Objectives

All charitable work/giving will be targeted to a specific purpose, and all staff and pupils will have a clear knowledge and understanding of exactly what they are supporting.

- All staff and pupils will be knowledgeable about the work of the specific registered charities we support.
- Fundraising will not be perceived as an end in itself (e.g. with the focus being on how much money is raised) but as the means to a specific end (e.g. to provide warm clothing for the homeless).
- Prioritise the work of charities which rely almost solely on the support of the Catholic Church (see 'Charities we Support').
- Fundraising will be used to support charities whose work does nothing to contradict the Catholic Church's position on the maintaining and promoting the value and dignity of all human life (from the moment of conception to the natural end of life).
- All staff and pupils will understand that charitable work is not simply about supporting 'Charities' or 'Fundraising', but that we have a Christian duty to care for those in need. In the context of a Catholic school, the kind of care and support we provide must remain faithful to the Social and Moral Teaching of the Catholic Church.

Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.
(St. Teresa of Calcutta)

3. Charities supported at CTK

We recognise that, whilst there are many charities (national and global) which could be supported in school, it is important to recognise two key points:

1. We do not have the physical resources to effectively support every possible charity (as reflected in the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, quoted above).
2. As a Catholic school, we are obliged to support charities which are compatible with our Catholic faith.

The following list provides the names of some of the charities which we, as a school community support:

- CAFOD (Catholic Association for Overseas Development)
- Trussell Trust Foodbank
- NSPCC
- Save the Children
- Shoebox Appeal (Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan's Purse UK)

4. Fundraising Activities

At Christ the King, we recognise that charitable work consists of three separate (though often interlinked) areas:

- Small but significant day-to-day acts of love and kindness
- Support and promotion of registered charities
- Fundraising

Throughout the school year, we support the above charities through a variety of class, phase, and whole-school fundraising activities. Below is a suggested list of activities and events in which we may partake:

- Charity fetes
- Sponsored walks
- Non-uniform days
- Cake sales
- Family fun sessions
- Discos