



## Charitable Giving & Pupil Volunteering Policy

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### **Article 4**

Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights.



### **Article 26**

Governments must provide extra money for the children of families in need.

### **Article 27**

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

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This Policy applies to Wildmoor Heath School and all governors and staff of the school must abide by this policy, which has been adopted in accordance with and pursuant to the Curriculum Policy of the Greenshaw Learning Trust.

It is the responsibility of the local governing body and Headteacher of the school to ensure that their school and its staff adhere to this policy. In implementing this policy, school staff must take account of any advice given to them by the Executive Headteacher and/or Board of Trustees.

This policy is subject to the GLT Curriculum Policy and the Scheme of Delegation approved for the school. If there is any ambiguity or conflict, then the GLT Curriculum Policy and the Scheme of Delegation and any specific Scheme or alteration or restriction to the Scheme approved by the Board of Trustees takes precedence. If there is any question or doubt about the interpretation of this, the Executive Headteacher should be consulted.

## General Principles

During their time at Wildmoor Heath School, children will have many opportunities to volunteer and to raise money for charities and good causes. The school's policy on charitable giving and volunteering is designed to:

- (a) Meet the criteria of the Level 1 Rights Respecting School (RRS) Award, specifically **“children are involved in taking action to improve the lives of children locally and globally”**;
- (b) Link to the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) which promotes Personal Learning Goals (PLGs) such as **respect, cooperation and morality** as well as helping children to **understand their place in the world – both within their local community and globally**;
- (c) Reflect the school's values – **“REACHING for our Best”** – specifically, **Respect, Inclusion and Caring**.

The causes supported will range from 'school' level (e.g. the PTA), to organisations serving the local community (e.g. Crowthorne Foodbank, COATS, Frimley Park Hospital) to national or international charities such as the NSPCC, Cancer UK or WaterAid. In general, the school will support 'smaller' or less well-known charities where the money we raise will have a significant impact.

There will be 3-4 appeals per year (1 x PTA, 2 x local and 1 x national or international), although these may be supplemented by additional fund raising in response to a natural disaster or a particular need). Appeals will be spread out over the year (around 1 per 'big' term) and be timed, where possible, to avoid other requests for money or school events;

The charities chosen, whether local, national or international will fulfil certain criteria:

- The charity supported must have a specific, identifiable cause (so the children know what they are raising money for);
- There must be the potential for volunteering (e.g. visiting COATS, helping at the Foodbank), particularly for local charities;
- There must be an educational value (e.g. a representative visiting the school, linked to an IPC theme or significant national or international event);

The School Council will agree the specific charities chosen and what is done to raise the money. Pupils will be invited to share their ideas with the School Council, to be discussed at School Council meetings with the Inclusion Manager/SENDCo.

School leaders will actively seek opportunities, as part of our SMSC Education, for charities and other worthy causes, to come into school to review their work, fund-raising and career opportunities.

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