



Statement on Charitable Giving & Volunteering

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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.

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 be consulted about the specific charities chosen and what is done to raise the money.