

Newington Community Primary School



Charities Policy

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Intent

Newington Community Primary School's engagement with charities and fundraising is completed with the intent of raising pupil awareness of global, national and local issues. In providing pupils with the opportunities to engage in raising awareness and/or money for charities we are allowing them to realise their potential to make a positive contribution to their community.

Charity days, weeks and festivals will be celebrated with all members of the school community, pupils, staff and parents/legal guardians with the intention of challenging stereotypes, misconceptions and misunderstandings about various issues, including but not limited to; race, ethnicity, appearance, disability, gender or sexuality.

Pupils will be able to consider what issues matter to them and their community, spending time with members of staff to support them in decision making linked to fundraising and celebrating achievements linked to charitable donations. Celebrations of pupils fundraising will be in place to demonstrate that charity is a positive within society and that a varied range of people benefit from giving and receiving charitable donations.

All members of the school community will be able to recognise the reasons the school has selected a charity to raise money for and be able to identify why the cause is considered worthy of a time or monetary donation. Pupils will develop their understanding of the purpose of charity and how they can make additional contributions outside of school.

Implementation

All charities that the school opts to fundraise for will be reviewed each year by the Headteacher and charities lead. Ensuring that all fundraising opportunities support the promotion of the school's ethos and core values. Where possible charity events will be relevant to the core value of the term to ensure children are able to identify how these are linked to the wider community and life outside of school.

Charities will be celebrated with the whole school in line with the Collective Worship Policy. Pupils and Staff will be provided with an assembly to discover, understand and discuss charity days before they occur to ensure pupil are aware of the reasons for a charities existence and what they can do to make a positive contribution to these.

All charity events will be planned ahead of time; a range of events will be used to raise money and awareness for charitable causes, such as bake sales, dress up days and non-uniform days. Given the circumstances and backgrounds of pupils there will be no compulsory monetary donations, instead the school will focus on raising awareness and ensuring that pupils understand that a donation of time and/or effort is just as valuable to a cause than money.

Ambition, Achievement, Aspiration

Any member of staff, pupil or parent, wishing to suggest a new charity event or fundraising idea must present their thoughts to the charity at least 1 term in advance. This is to provide enough time to make necessary arrangements, and that planning is sufficient to engage the whole school in the celebrating the suggested charity event. Any pupils, members of staff wishing for additional information about a charitable event taking place in school has the option to arrange a meeting with the charities coordinator to get more information.

The school will be in contact with the local newspaper about any charity events that take place in school, this is to increase contact with the wider community and to demonstrate to pupils that their donations have had a positive impact on the local community. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that consent is given for any pupils in photographs and/or videos.

Impact

Working with various charitable causes will provide staff, pupils and family members with an understanding of the benefits to be gained from giving to those in need. The whole school will have an increased awareness of global, national and local issues that have an impact on their lives and the lives of others. This will increase their sense of belonging within the community.

Engaging in charitable causes will also support the family – school links that are essential in maintaining good communication and relationships, these are an essential part of the school's ability to function as these relationships ensure that parents feel comfortable in raising their concerns with the school; improving parental involvement is a key aspect of improving pupil attitudes towards school and learning.

Pupils will gain opportunities to improve their well-being, self-esteem and self-awareness, charities celebrated in the school will make links to topics relevant to them and allow them to make contributions, which will support them to feel good about themselves and those around them. Pupils will also be able to consider why a charitable cause is deemed 'worthy' of donation and consider how they can become more altruistic.

Allowing pupils, staff and families to make suggestions on the charities that the school fundraises for, will also encourage a sense of being valued as they can see that their ideas are being considered and they can take a proactive role in school life outside of lessons, learning and the curriculum.