



The King's (The Cathedral) School

Charitable Fundraising within School

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We see fundraising as falling into four basic types, based on differing circumstances.

1. School Charity Fundraising

- a. Organised by Charities Prefects under the guidance of a staff team chaired by Sixth form Deputy, e.g. Charities Week, Mufti Day, disaster appeals, Poppy Appeal;
- b. Organised as part of Active Citizenship, e.g. Macmillan Coffee Morning, Amnestea, Uganda School Project.

2. Individual Students' Own Personal Initiative, Small One-off Charity Fundraising

- a. With Assistant Head (Sixth Form) or Sixth Form Deputy prior knowledge and agreement, e.g. a Year 8 pupil wants to sell cakes on one/two days to raise £30 for charity X.

3. Fundraising or Sponsorship for School Team or Expedition Purposes with a Charitable Aspect

- a. This will be within an agreed framework agreed by Assistant Head (Sixth Form) or Sixth Form Deputy, and under the auspices of the member of staff in charge;
- b. For Expeditions, developing the skills of fundraising is an important aim of the whole 'experience' - much of this must be done outside school through private contacts and events, but a small proportion may be raised through the occasional event in school;
- c. Guidelines are ONE event per calendar year, per group, e.g. a Snail Race, Quiz or providing coffee at PPTCs;
- d. Each 'team' must discuss its ideas together and submit to Assistant Head (Sixth Form) or Sixth Form Deputy a team 'plan for the year' by the end of September (for most) but possibly added to later for activities with a later launch date;
- e. There must be a clear distinction between this fundraising, which is for a clear charitable purpose (i.e. building a school or toilet block or health clinic in a developing country), and their own personal expenses, for which they cannot raise money. This must be communicated clearly to the school;
- f. These ideas will then be considered together and co-ordinated into a Charity calendar, to avoid overlap or clash with school-organised charity events.

4. Fundraising to Fund an Individual's Own Payment for an Individual Trip or Expedition

- a. Not permissible in school;
- b. At the point that students or parents sign up for an expensive trip or activity, they have to think through carefully what they are signing up to and its financial implications;
- c. Seeking sponsorship or donations within school is getting other students or families to pay for part of their individual commitment, and this is not a reasonable expectation;
- d. This in no way prevents individual sponsorship outside school, or from individual friends one-to-one in school, but would exclude organised events in school like cake sales and competitions.

5. Scrutiny

- a. All charities that are supported officially in school should be registered with the Charity Commission and staff and pupils should be encouraged to research each charity to check how well run it is;
- b. Collecting items to ship out to poorer countries should be discouraged for a number of reasons:
 - a. Cost of shipping;
 - b. Better to buy goods in that country to stimulate local economy;
 - c. Often encourages giving of second-hand goods which are of mixed quality. This in turn devalues those who are receiving them - they deserve to be given the best quality available.
- c. However, sometimes in response to an emergency crisis this may be appropriate but often money given to the Disasters Emergency Committee is better.