



THE MARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

With God as our Guide we will value each other and work together to achieve our best

Charity Policy

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Learning and Welfare

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Our Mission Statement

The Marist School is a place of teaching and learning:

- *Where we promote the Christian growth of children in a caring environment.*
- *Where everyone is valued not just for what they do or give, but for who they are, a traveller on the way to Christ.*
- *Where children are encouraged and stimulated to achieve their full potential spiritually, academically and socially; where talents and successes are shared and celebrated.*
- *Where all staff work and grow together as a team, giving of their best and supporting each other.*
- *Where all members of the community are made to feel welcome and encouraged to take an active part in the life of the school.*

PREAMBLE

The Governors and Staff of The Marist Catholic Primary School believe that Charity is a theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake and our neighbour as ourselves for the love of God.

AIM:

Our aim is:

- To help the children develop a social conscience.
- To help the children to become active in helping those less fortunate than themselves.
- To foster relationships that promote friendship, caring and respect for others, justice, self-esteem, co-operation, security and the Gospel Values.

We will achieve this through a positive Ethos where:

- Everyone is valued and recognised as having a contribution to make.
- All efforts are recognised and acknowledged.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The school's charity support links closely with our religious teaching. The RE Subject Leader will be responsible for the coordination of charitable activities together with the Senior Leadership Team and whole staff. The suggestions for support for the different charities should come from and be agreed by the children themselves through the forums of our Pupil Voices.

Our commitment of service to others is a constant.

The following timetable expresses our normal intention of charitable support but, as a Catholic school community, we remain open to supporting other charitable causes through the year and are not the following is not to be seen as restrictive in any way:

AUTUMN TERM	
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macmillan Cancer Research (Great Coffee morning inviting Parish)• Friends of Chernobyl – support for family hosts, school events, clothing and wetsuit collections
October	Harvest appeals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CAFOD collection• Food donations for St Vincent de Paul society, local distribution
November	Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local children's hospice/Woking and Sam Beare Hospice appeals – collection at each Advent production• Save the Children – Christmas jumpers
SPRING TERM	
Lenten focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabrini Children's Society• Pupil Voices' chosen charities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Local/national, eg NSPCC○ International, eg WaterAid, Samaritan's Purse African Water project
SUMMER TERM	
Parish focus	Friendship Club Parish charities
Local focus	Wisley and Pyrford Byfleet Parish day
ONGOING	
Support for Uganda Community Lodge project Free the children	

REVIEW AND EVALUATION

This policy was reviewed following consultation with all staff and governors. It will be monitored annually for effectiveness and updated in the light of experience.

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Date of next review: November 2016

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