



# Charities Policy

## Mission Statement

This is our school St Werburgh's and St Columba's

A place to be inspired, be accepted, be yourself and be unique.

Be able to grow spiritually, academically and morally.

Be able to contribute to the community and be a responsible global citizen.

Be able to reach for the stars and fulfil your potential.

A place providing an excellent Catholic education for everyone.

Where we belong, where everyone belongs.

**Action: March 2023**

**Review: Autumn Term 2025**

## **Rationale**

As a Catholic School we acknowledge our responsibility to heed follow our Mission Statement and the words of Christ our Saviour....." Love one another, as I have loved you." All members of the school community have made a commitment to the poor.

## **Purpose**

We, at St Werburgh's and St. Columba's Catholic School, aim to foster positive links between home; school; parish; community and the wider community and to promote justice and peace.

To these ends, we encourage a generous and spontaneous response to appeals for aid whether in the form of prayer or practical help.

- 1 Staff and pupils are involved in Parish fund-raising activities.
- 2 We respond to appeals within our Parish communities e.g. SVP.
- 3 We make contributions to the local Food bank.
- 4 We mark CAFOD days with acts of self-denial and fund-raising activities.
- 5 We encourage pupils to raise money within school for other charitable causes e.g. Shreshop, a Kenyan charity and cancer charities which they feel are important and that are consistent with our Catholic ethos.
- 6 Pupils contribute to Harvest collections.
- 7 We encourage a spontaneous response to appeals for aid at times of disaster.
- 8 We respond to the annual Poppy appeal organised by the Royal British Legion.
9. We support local charities for the homeless.
10. Mini Vinnies a group of KS2 pupils identify local, national and international charities and organise fund raising events.

We receive numerous calls for help, throughout the year, from a variety of charitable organisations.

We recognise the generosity of parents and families in our School Community but acknowledge their limited resources.

## CONCLUSION

This policy should reflect our response to the Gospel reflected in our Mission Statement and Religious Education Policy. As a school community we endeavor to share what we have with others. Sharing may take the form of gifts, prayer or material goods. To this end we have signed a covenant with the poor.

## MONITORING:

This policy will be monitored regularly and reviewed every two years.