

Fundraising Policy

Calder House wishes to minimise the amount of extra expenditure asked of parents. To this end our fees are all inclusive. All remedial support delivered by the school, including that provided by our specialist one-to-one support teacher or recommended by our Speech and Language therapist and/or Consultant Occupational Therapist, is provided at no extra cost. Our fees also include school trips and all the resources (books, pens, etc) normally required by pupils while they are at school. Calder House does not have a PTA or any other body which requests or raises money for the school from parents or anyone else.

We also carefully consider the merits of fundraising events which raise money for good causes before deciding to take part in them. We try to limit these events to three or four per year and see it as part of our role to ensure pupils understand what each event is about and what the money raised will help to achieve.

We also believe that pupils who wish to take part in an event (participation is always voluntary) should donate their own money - not simply ask parents for a donation. We understand that not all pupils will receive pocket money and consequently, in the run up to a fundraising event, we encourage all pupils who wish to take part to see if they can earn a little money by volunteering to do extra chores at home - such as emptying the dishwasher, cleaning the car or tidying up.

Volunteering in this way also can count towards achievements in the school's Agombar Awards. In this way we seek to maximise the educational value of these fundraising events - broadening our pupils' understanding of causes they are supporting and encouraging them to see that supporting a good cause involves some personal sacrifice. We do not expect individual children to donate more than £2 except in exceptional circumstances.

At the end of the Christmas term we hold our Carol Concert in our local church, St John the Baptist, Colerne. The Church provides a magical setting for our concert and we feel extremely privileged to be able to use it in this way. At the end of the concert there is a retiring collection and the money raised is donated, together with a donation from the School, towards the upkeep of the building.

Sometimes parents wish to give the school a gift of money or equipment when their children leave us. These are, of course, gratefully received but never solicited or expected.

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