



Helsby High School Charity Fund



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to tell you about our new Helsby High School Charity Fund. We pride ourselves on being a school which regularly supports both local and national charities. In the past two years we have supported a range of charities including raising £670 for our local food banks, £895 for Unicef, £305 for Claire House Children's Hospice and over £300 for the British Legion, to name but a few.

In the past we have always had in mind a specific charity to donate to before each of our fundraising termly events and while this way of working is effective and gets our donations to the people that need them, it means that we are not able to respond in a timely fashion to other worthy causes that become apparent at times where we cannot fund raise quickly enough. This has become apparent of late when we would have liked to support the charities that have worked with some of the young people at our school. We feel that the creation of a Helsby High School Charity fund would mean that some of the money raised throughout the year could be retained so that we could respond quickly to situations as they arose in our community and beyond. It is important to say that we will not stop supporting our usual charities, who rely on our help, but we will have some funds ready to use in a timely fashion as situations arise in our, or the wider, community.

The idea was brought about by Mr Wheeler, who is nearing the end of his '5K every day for a year' in aid of this new Charity Fund. He was moved to instigate the setting up of this charity fund on hearing about the unfortunate illness of a former student and the great work MND associated charities were doing with this young man.

How will we collect money for the Helsby High School Charity Fund?

Direct donations to support Mr Wheeler's 5k Every Day

We have set up a payment option on our on-line payment system; Scopay called Helsby High School Charity Fund, for anyone that would now like to support Mr Wheeler in raising money.

Through our normal Charity fundraising events such as Non-School Uniform days

We realise that we have many charity events at school and if you feel unable to donate directly to Mr Wheeler's fund-raising you will be able to donate through our usual events. This is because a percentage of these funds will be donated to the HHS School Charity Fund and the rest will go to one of our usual charities. We will make clear when this will happen and where the money will go to at the start of every charity fundraising event throughout the year.



When will the money raised for the HHS School Charity Fund be spent?

In order to make sure we use the money well and ensure it benefits charities in our community, we will keep only 10% of the funds in the account at the end of the year to be rolled over to the next year. This is to keep the account open and to give us a little money to start the next year with. This means that we will actively seek the charities to work with throughout the year that will benefit our, or the wider community.

How will we decide which charities to donate to?

Mr Wheeler will be working with our Student Council Leaders each term, and more often if needed, to decide how we could make a difference with our HHS School Charity funds.

How will parents/carers and the community know who is benefitting from this charitable work?

We will communicate all decisions made to our students, parents/carers and the wider community through emails, social media and via our website. We will also publish the account balance and the amounts donated to charities each term via our website, on our charity page. <https://helsbyhigh.org.uk/our-school/communitiesand-charity/>

Please also see Mr Wheeler's article on our HHS Blog page for more details on his '5k every day challenge'. <https://helsbyhigh.org.uk/news/>

We hope that you feel able to support us in this new charity venture, we are looking forward to supporting those in need in our, and the wider community.

Yours faithfully

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