



CHARITY SUPPORT POLICY

Calder High School

Suggested criteria for support to charities, voluntary organizations and community groups.

We want to support students, staff and parents who wish to raise funds for charities and other causes.

Criteria for supporting projects:

- The aims of any organization should be consistent with school policies. eg inclusion, equal opportunities.
- The aims and information on work of group/project should be accessible, transparent, overt and explicit.
- Groups/projects need not necessarily be registered charities, but ideally should have charitable objects and a constitution.
- Ideally there should be an active link and involvement from a student/teacher/parent, and someone who can write/prepare statement which explains where money will go to.
- Ideally there should be at least two people who will organize event/s and do publicity.
- Where possible information about selected causes should be announced with enough notice so people can opt out as well as in, and it should always be made clear that donations are voluntary. Appeals in cases of emergencies and disasters may be exceptions to this.
- The school will not formally support projects linked to political parties
- The school will not formally support projects which are proselytizing a religious faith (though would support religious organizations who were channeling funds to alleviate poverty, responding to disasters, emergencies)

We would expect to support a mixture of local, national and international causes and from small to large organizations. Examples could include national events such as Comic Relief, local community centre, trusts set up in memory of former pupils, disaster relief, groups working for peace, justice etc. It wouldn't preclude support to some groups that might not have universal support; it's a fairly subjective area!

Unsolicited requests to support good causes should be filtered by senior member of staff following above criteria. Student Voice, staff and parents ideally to be involved in selecting good causes for school/class/year group.