

The Benevolent Fund 2019-2020

Dear Parents

I am writing to outline the Benevolent Fund efforts at the RGS. This fund has been established since 1958 and we have raised thousands of pounds since it began. This money has supported charities such as Cancer Research, Children In Need, Karen's Big Smiles and Thames Valley Air Ambulance – amongst many, many others. We believe that our students ought to naturally think of others, be supportive of those in need and show kindness wherever possible. The Benevolent Fund is one way in which these habits can be formed.

This year, we are raising money for six charities: Jeans for Genes, Oxfam, Prostate Cancer, School Aid, Mind and Save the Children and each will have a half term's donations sent to them. These charities were nominated by staff members and students voted at the end of the summer term to finalise our six charities for the academic year. Should any disasters occur we will introduce additional fundraising opportunities to support those in need.

We hope that every student, where possible, donates 50p per week for each charity. If every student did this, we could raise over £20,000 in an academic year and the impact this could have on others is huge. In order for this to happen, we would like you to remind your son to bring in his 50p every Tuesday to form time or, if he prefers, to bring in £3.50 once a half term to cover all of the half term's donations.

Of course, we appreciate that some of our students do not get pocket money, have multiple siblings or feel that this price is not affordable for them. Donations are voluntary and anyone who feels they cannot donate will not be left out from our Benevolent Fund efforts as they can be involved in awareness raising efforts throughout the year.

We look forward to a year of fundraising and awareness-raising for the six chosen charities and thank you for your support.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs S Khan
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Benevolent Fund Co-ordinator