

Friday 16th June 2017

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

**Fundraising for the Grenfell Tower relief effort**

Following the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower on Wednesday, many members of the Academy community have approached me or Mr Williams to discuss how we can help. I'd like to start by thanking all those who've been moved to offer help; it is at times like this that our sense of community spirit really shines.

Both myself and Mr Williams have been in regular contact with local faith organisations and the Borough and Local Education Authority. Schools and Academies in the local area have also been communicating to offer support to each other. We've been informed by both the Local Authority and the Bishop of Kensington that the immense charity shown by Londoners means that they are no longer in need of items such as blankets, clothes and water. Instead that focus will now be on raising funds to help support these members of our community who have lost everything, in some cases loved ones.

We will be holding collections for spare change in the Academy over the next few days. If you would like to make a more substantial donation we recommend doing so through a recognised and registered charity such as the Kensington & Chelsea Foundation, who are coordinating the fundraising efforts of a number of London-based funds. Please visit their website at [www.thekandcfoundation.com](http://www.thekandcfoundation.com) for more information.

We will also take part in a borough-wide fundraising day on Friday 23rd June. Schools across the borough will be asking students to donate a pound or more to wear something Green for Grenfell on that day (#GreenforGrenfell on Twitter). We hope that this will be a chance for students across London to show that those who have been affected remain in our thoughts, and will also help raise much-needed funds. The usual rules for non-uniform days will apply; no inappropriate slogans or images on clothes, no football shirts or flags, no caps, and students must still bring everything they need for the day, including PE kits and practical equipment if appropriate. There will also be other activities and events for students to take part in on the day, more details of which will follow as soon as they are confirmed.

In the meantime, I am sure you will join me in keeping those who have been affected, including those in our own Academy community, in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to discuss this with me further, please do not hesitate to email me using the address [tim.richards@chelsea-academy.org](mailto:tim.richards@chelsea-academy.org).

Yours faithfully,

*T. Richards*

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Chaplain