

Scoil Náisiúnta Naomh Pádraig ST. PATRICK'S DE LA SALLE BOYS NATIONAL SCHOOL

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School Policy on Donations to Charitable Organisations

St. Patrick's De La Salle B.N.S. is a Catholic school and therefore we feel it is our duty to educate our children in a Christian environment and in a Christian way. To foster their faith, we not only teach doctrine but also try to relate this faith to their everyday lives. As a Catholic School, we take great pride in developing the children's awareness of those less fortunate in our society, at home and abroad. To this end, we actively involve the children in a variety of fun but meaningful fund-raising activities. In doing so, we prepare our pupils for their place in the community and world at large, as caring, moral, responsible individuals. As a Christian and Catholic school we are asked to donate funds to a variety of very worthy charitable organisations. Therefore we have decided to draw up the list of charities that is subject to annual review and level of priority.

- De La Salle Missions
- Trócaire Lenten Campaign
- Shoebox Appeal/Operation Christmas Child
- St Vincent De Paul Society (local)
- Concern
- Amnesty International
- Bóthar Lenten Appeal
- Hospice
- Special Olympics Ireland
- Alzheimer's Association
- Irish Cancer Society

The fund-raising activities are spread throughout the school year. At Christmas time, children are asked to bring in toys/books to make up a Christmas hamper

for less well off children as part of Operation Christmas Child. Carol singing funds are raised and collected for the needy in our area, often for ST. Vincent de Paul. Most of our fund-raising takes place as part of the Lenten Collection prior to Easter. In recent years we have focused on Bothar's Lenten Appeal. Every year, the boys bring in daffodils to be sold on Daffodil Day, even if that is not one of the official charities that year. Members of the community and those leading the charities are extremely grateful to the children, parents and teachers for their generosity.