

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

All children should now have received their The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) Lenten Boxes.

Each year we adopt this as our Lenten Charity. We ask children and their families to support this worthy cause by filling up the box with loose change they may come across from family and friends. If they are giving up something, such as sweets, we have asked them to consider donating the money they have saved by putting it in the box. The boxes are due back when we return after the School Easter break.

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. They work with individuals of all faiths and none. Their sole aim is to help those in greatest need.

Their focus is to provide support as early as possible. They help vulnerable children overcome the challenges they face so they can achieve their full potential and have hope of a brighter future. They achieve this through a range of services and St Charles School has benefitted many times, over many years, by taking advantage of the following two services

## ConnectEd Mental Health Services

Professional counselling and therapy services on-site in over 70 schools. Each year they support hundreds of children who experience issues such as abuse, neglect, domestic violence and family breakdown. They also train school staff, enhancing their skills to identify and support pupils with mental health needs.

## Crisis Fund

They operate a Crisis Fund which provides immediate financial support for families facing a crisis in their lives. This support makes a huge difference to families in desperate situations when they have nowhere else to turn.

Love God Love Your Neighbour

For a full list of their services and more information about the CCS you can visit their website using the link below.

https://www.cathchild.org.uk/what-we-do/

Thank you in anticipation of you support.

Regards,

Tony Lynch Head of School