



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Lifting Children's Hopes

Dear Families,

You will be unaware that we have been working proudly in partnership with local children's charity 'LCH', whose aim is: 'Lifting Children's Hopes'. Indeed, I am delighted that children and families and St Norbert's have already benefited directly from this partnership this year.

LCH is a fantastic charity that helps children across our region in a variety of ways, such as with financial support towards school trips; access to mental health therapy; and providing essentials like coats, toiletries and school uniform. They also provide opportunities for young people to fully participate in a hobby or sport outside of school and they run a series of free family days out, such as trips to the cinema, local farms and Santa experiences.

As a school partner we are able to nominate – confidentially – children and families who may benefit from the programmes they run. If you have a low household income, and would like to become one of our families who we can nominate for LCH support, please email the school office requesting to be a LCH Family and you will be added to our list; alternatively, you can email me in confidence if you prefer. Please note that your child does not have to be eligible for free school meals for this support.

As part of our partnership with the charity, the exciting news is that we will be taking part in the annual LCH 'Colour Dash', along with 225 other schools and over 60,000 children across the East Midlands.

Our Colour Dash date is: Friday 1st May 2026.

LCH provides us everything we need for the Colour Dash, free of charge: all the paint and kit we need to run the event, plus reward prizes for all children. All they ask in return is for your support with gaining sponsorship for your child.

Children and staff will walk or run around a set course at school whilst being showered with coloured powder. The powered paint is not harmful to people or the environment – it is made from corn starch, dyed with food-grade colouring. If your child has previous allergies to corn starch, please do let us know, although a corn starch allergy is extremely rare.



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LCH have already visited our school for a launch assembly and your child may have come home very excited. Along with this letter, sponsorship forms will also be sent home. We already know that you are incredibly supportive of school and charity fundraising efforts. Please do not feel obliged to sponsor your child if now is not the right time; anything we can raise will be better than nothing and the Colour Dash is just as much about having some fun.

The QR code on the sponsorship form can be scanned to donate online but still please fully complete the sponsorship form for all donations, including your child's name on the front. We can also accept cash donations. Gift aid can be claimed by the charity, and it is an important part of their fundraising – so do please ensure that sponsors complete the form fully, as this is extra 'free' money for the charity.

If you are able to sponsor, please return cash donations and completed sponsorship forms with your child's name and class to the school office so that we can claim their reward prizes.

Our sponsorship & donation return deadline is: Tuesday 6th May 2026.

The charity event is fully inclusive, and every child will be able to take part – whether sponsored or not. The charity also provides the minimum prizes for every child – nobody is left out! The charity aims to get prizes back to us as soon as possible and before the summer break; however, please be patient as they are a small team.

The messy bit!

We will be doing our Colour Dash on the school field (weather-permitting) and children's clothes will be covered in the coloured powder. They will therefore need a change of clothes, or their PE kits, to change into for the event.

Thank you in advance for your support of this event.

Yours sincerely,



A Dawson