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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Common Good – Opportunities for Students to Support Our Community

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the role of The Common Good within our school community and the opportunities it provides for students to make a positive difference to the lives of others.

The *Common Good*, informed by Catholic Social Teaching, refers to actions or services which can benefit the wider community. By supporting others, we can strengthen community bonds and help create a safer, more inclusive environment for everyone. Catholic Social Teaching provides a set of principles that enable us to put Jesus' teaching to "love your neighbour" into practice through meaningful actions that benefit others.

The Common Good gives our students valuable opportunities to serve and support our local community. It also reflects our school mission statement: "To inspire excellence by encouraging every individual to be the person that God calls them to be." Through these experiences, students learn how they can make a positive contribution to the world around them. The Common Good also plays an important role in our students' wider education. It creates meaningful links across the curriculum, nurtures a love of learning and reinforces our school virtues, helping students to flourish both in school and throughout their lives.

Our Common Good initiatives include:

- Sing and Sign at Penny Fields (lunchtime): Students use Makaton to communicate and interact with pupils at Penny Fields.
- Classroom Activities at Penny Fields (lunchtime): Students support classroom activities by reading or playing with pupils.
- Afternoon Tea at Brandon House Care Home (lunchtime): Students spend time chatting with residents and playing board games.
- Litter Picking with St Urbans (lunchtime): Students walk along Tongue Lane with pupils from St Urbans to help keep the local environment clean and tidy.
- Reading Buddies with St Urbans (Thursday form time): Students read with Key Stage 1 pupils, helping to develop their reading skills and confidence.

Students can volunteer to take part in one or more of these initiatives, with staff accompanying them throughout each activity.

As these activities take place during the school day, the school holds consent for students to participate. However, parents and carers have the right to withdraw their son or daughter from any Common Good activities. If you wish to withdraw consent, please contact the school office using the contact details above.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students live out our Catholic values and make a meaningful contribution to our community.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Jones

Common Good Influencer Programme Leader

