

St Richard's Catholic College

Fairtrade Policy



The Policy was approved by the Governing Body: September 2021

Chair of Governors: _____

The Governing Body will review the policy in September 2024

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*'Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me'* Matthew (25:45)

Our Mission Statement states that it 'We aspire to be courageous, having the integrity and the spiritual strength to make a positive difference in the world, both now and in the future.'

As a Catholic college and in line with the Christian values, we believe that it is important to support Fairtrade in its vision:

*'Our vision is of a world in which justice and sustainable development
are at the heart of trade structures and practices so that everyone,
through their work, can maintain a decent and dignified livelihood
and develop their full potential'* Fairtrade Foundation
(www.fairtrade.org.uk)

At St Richard's Catholic College, we will therefore endeavour to:

1. Work towards including Fairtrade in our College Improvement Plan (2021-24) and to promote Fairtrade throughout the curriculum and as a cross-curriculum activity.
2. Support and expand the work of the Fairtrade Steering Group represented by a number of staff and pupils.
3. Continue to use Fairtrade products wherever possible (Reception, Staff, PTFA) and encourage the use of Fairtrade products throughout the school as much as possible (staff, canteen suppliers, individual department).
4. Provide the opportunity for the school community to buy some Fairtrade products during school events such as PTFA events (quizzes, summer fayre).
5. Raise pupils and public awareness of the need for Fairtrade and the importance of the Fairtrade mark in accordance with the Fairtrade vision.
6. Support Fairtrade Fortnight, extending our support to our local towns (Bexhill, Hastings and Eastbourne) during some of their Fairtrade events during the year.
7. Update our Fairtrade displays and advertise our Fairtrade activities.
8. Remember the people working towards a fairer world in our prayers.
9. Incorporate this policy into the Spiritual Life Improvement Plan.