



**St Mary's Catholic  
Primary School  
Fairtrade Policy**

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

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At St Mary's Catholic Primary School we are committed to supporting, using and promoting Fairtrade, wherever possible. We believe that Fairtrade can make a difference to the lives of young people throughout the world by improving living and working conditions for the people who grow the things we buy.

**Fairtrade is about guaranteeing a better deal for third world producers.**

In particular the Fair trade coordinator will:

- set up and support the Fairtrade Steering Group;
- ensure Fairtrade is part of the School Development Plan;
- use Fairtrade products wherever possible:
  - tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits in the staffroom and at meetings
  - in cookery activities
  - in the dining hall or canteen
  - purchase Fairtrade sports balls when buying new ones
  - wear uniforms made with Fairtrade cotton
  
- ensure Fairtrade products are available wherever possible, for example, at events in the school or the community;
- ask the Local Authority to include the use of Fairtrade products in catering contracts for schools;
- ensure learning about Fairtrade happens for at least two year groups in a range of lessons and in whole school activities including assemblies;
- promote Fairtrade at least once a term in school and at least once a year in the wider community, particularly during Fairtrade Fortnight;
- do something extra each year to promote Fairtrade.

**This Policy is supported by:**

	<b>Signed by</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Academy Committee</b>		
<b>The school council</b>		
<b>Principal</b>		

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