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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are really excited about our new partnership with local children's charity LCH whose aim is - Lifting Children's Hopes.

LCH is a fantastic charity that helps children and youngsters across the East Midlands in a variety of ways such as financial support towards school trips, access to mental health therapy, 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 can nominate our children and families who may benefit from the programmes they run.

As part of the charity partnership the exciting news is we will be taking part in their Annual LCH Colour Dash. Where we along with 225 other schools with over 60,000 children taking part in 2026 across the East Midlands.

Our Colour Dash date is: 22/05/26

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 is for your support with gaining sponsorship for your child, this is a great opportunity to talk to them about fundraising and the great work charities and in particular local charities do.

Children and staff will run around a set course at school whilst being showered with coloured powder, the powdered 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 let us know, although a corn starch allergy is extremely rare)

Sponsorship forms have been sent home with children, please support your child in gaining sponsorship from friends and family – the school and the charity don't want to just burden parents with the ask for money.

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 will also accept cash donations for the charity.** Gift aid can be claimed by the charity, and it is an important part of their fundraising – so do ensure sponsors complete the form fully as this is extra free money for the charity.

Please return cash donations and completed sponsorship forms with your child's name and class on to the school office to claim their reward prizes.

Our sponsorship & donation return deadline is: 1/06/26

The charity event is fully inclusive, and every child gets to take part, the charity also provides the minimum prizes for every child – no one is left out! Children who do not wish to be covered in paint due to sensory or other reasons will be able to take part in a fun run where they will run the same course but with no paint. This ensures that every child is able to take part and raise money for an amazing cause.

Children will need to come to school in clothes they do not mind getting dirty (preferably old clothes and shoes). The clothes will get covered in powder colour.

The charity aims to get prizes back to us as soon as possible and before the summer break but please be patient as they are a small team.

Thank you in advance for your support of this event. Plans for the event will be sent out later this week but parents will be invited to watch from 2pm, once your child has run you are welcome to take them home.

Kind regards

Mrs Stevenson
Headteacher