



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Show Your Pride Day - Wednesday 29 June

As you will be aware, June marks pride month in the UK. Pride month is a time where the LGBTQ+ community's fight for equality is marked and celebrated and is held in June to coincide with the start of the Stonewall protests that took place in New York in June 1969.

At Maiden Erlegh we have been marking pride month through assemblies and the daily notices in line with our commitment to promoting British Values, specifically individual liberty and mutual respect.

To conclude pride month, we will be holding our first "Show Your Pride Day" where we invite students to wear one additional item of clothing or accessory. This could include a tie, socks or a bag, in one, or all, of the colours of the pride flag. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day and any student not wearing uniform will be asked to go home and change.

We are also inviting parents and/or students to contribute a voluntary donation (suggestion - £2) toward the local LGBTQ+ support charity, *Support U*. Based in Reading, Support U offer resources and support for people of all ages across the Thames Valley. Sixth form students will collect these donations on the day or students can donate via a collection bucket at reception. Alternatively, online donations can be made directly to Support U via their website at: <https://www.supportu.org.uk/>

We would also remind students that if they feel that they have been the victim of any homophobic or transphobic bullying then they should let their head of year know or alternatively they can e-mail [mestarget@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:mestarget@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Yours sincerely

Mr D Bell  
Assistant Headteacher  
Lead for Diversity and Equality

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**Show your pride day**

**Wednesday 29th June 2022**

Wear something, as part of your normal uniform,  
in the colours of the rainbow flag

Voluntary donations will be taken on the day  
(suggested amount—£2)

Money raised will go to Support U, a Reading based  
charity offering support and advice regarding LGBTQ+  
issues - [supportu.org.uk](https://supportu.org.uk)

**Support U**