



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Festive Jumper Day 2023 – Thursday 7 December**

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming fundraising event which will take place during the school day on **Thursday 7 December**. We would like students in Years 7 - 12 to take part in the national **Festive Jumper Day** to raise money for the charity, Save the Children. More information about the national event can be found here: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day>

If your child would like to participate, they should wear a festive jumper (or even just a woolly jumper) to school on Thursday 7 December instead of their school jumper and/or blazer. They must wear the rest of their school uniform as expected and no hoodies are allowed. Feel free to get creative, the more festive the better!

A **suggested donation amount of £2 would be appreciated** to help this fantastic charity. You can donate **via ParentPay** from Monday 27 November and all the money will go to Save the Children.

Your donation can really make a difference to the work of this charity. Like us, they believe that children shouldn't be defined by their situation but by who they are and what they can be.

#### How does our money help?

Save the Children support millions of children every year, across 117 countries. Please read below to find out some ways in which they have helped in 2022:

#### Ukraine

It's been a really scary year for children in Ukraine. Earlier this year Viktoriya, who's just 9 years old, was injured by a bomb. Many of her friends had to leave their homes because it wasn't safe to stay. To help kids in Ukraine, Save the Children joined forces with a team called Your Way. Together they make spaces where kids can talk through their problems and get help from grown-ups.

#### Middle East

With the current conflict in the Middle East seeing significant escalation over the last few weeks, Save the Children does imperative work to help children impacted by the conflict. They have been working in the Middle East since 1919, helping families forced from their homes by conflict and advocating for children's rights to survive, get protection and learn.

## Solomon Islands

Junior lives in the Solomon Islands, and the weather has become really bad. The sea gets scarily close to people's houses and it's ruining the food they need to grow up strong. Save the Children has formed a big team with other charities where Junior lives, to help older kids learn what kinds of food will keep growing, even in big storms, and how they can keep eating well as the weather gets worse. And Junior's been his new skills straight to work! "After the training we planted taro, kumara, tomatoes, cabbage, and beans," he says. It's Save the Children's job to make sure kids are well-fed and healthy. But they also lighten the load – so kids like Junior can just be confident, funny teenagers.

## UK

In tough times, friends pull together. That's what's happening where Kiki lives, in Ashton, which is near Manchester. For lots of families here it's getting so hard to afford enough food each week. That's why Save the Children has made one big team with other great charities to run the Food Pantry in Kiki's local park. There, families can pick £15 worth of healthy food for just £3. It makes a world of difference to families. And with healthy mealtimes taken care of, Kiki can get on with the important business of learning, playing, and just being a fun child.

On behalf of Save the Children, thank you in advance for all your kind donations.

Yours sincerely



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