

# Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School

# Fairtrade



**'Mane nobiscum Domine'  
(Abide with us O Lord)**

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Other policies linked to this policy: EPR and Geography

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## Our Mission

*God made each one of us. We are all His unique disciples and are all part of His family.*

*We act as God wants us to whilst living the Gospel daily, praying and worshipping together so that we can grow closer to Him and each other.*

*We believe in ourselves and share our gifts and talents. We help each other to do our best, celebrating when we and others do well.*

*We respect each other's differences and include everyone.*

*We show care and support for others in school, at home, in our local community and in the wider world, especially by helping those in need.*

*Mane nobiscum Domine - Abide with us Lord.*



*We want all children, in our school, to dare to dream and to always have hope.*

*Knowing that God has a special plan for them, we want them to make the most of every learning opportunity so that they can grow into the best people they can be; fulfilling their dreams, living life to the full, being honourable and making a difference to the world around them.*

*We want all children to feel safe, content, confident, and proud and to joyfully reveal their faith and Christ to others.*

*Mane nobiscum Domine*

*Abide with us Lord.*

**Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School**  
**Fairtrade Policy**

**Aim**

Our school is 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.

**Our school will:**

- Ensure that Fairtrade and Fairtrade issues, and the concept of ‘fairness’, are embedded into the curriculum and in whole school activities, and the culture of the school.
- Promote Fairtrade in the school and wider community, by taking part in Fairtrade Fortnight, completing Fairtrade Challenges and highlighting Fairtrade activities in newsletters (see Appendix 2 for Cottesmore Fairtrade website page).
- Ensure Fairtrade is part of the School Improvement Plan
- Use Fairtrade products around the school wherever possible: in the staffroom (Coffee, tea and sugar), at meetings and events we run in school or in the community, ingredients in cookery lessons (DT) as well as in the canteen and for PE equipment
- Explore using uniforms made with Fairtrade cotton
- Use the Fairtrade Schools Award identities where allowed on the website and stationery
- Put this Policy into practice through a Fairtrade Group that meets regularly to:
  - o monitor and drive forward the school’s support for Fairtrade (see Appendix 2 for Fairtrade Committee minutes).
  - o make sure those connected with our school are aware of this Policy and can support it (Appendix 1: Mission Statement).
  - o take responsibility for Fairtrade Challenges and the Fairtrade Action Plan

**This Policy is supported by:**

<b>This Policy is supported by (name and date)</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>(on behalf of)</b>
		The Board of Governors
		The Headteacher
		The Staff
		The School Council and Fairtrade Committee
		The Parent Teacher Association

## **Appendixes**

Appendix 1: School website link to Mission Statement:

<http://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/mission-vision/>

Appendix 2: School Fairtrade Council website Page:

<http://www.cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk/page/fairtrade-council/>

Appendix 3: Fairtrade Intent Statement (See Below).

### **Fairtrade Intent Statement**

Cottesmore St Mary Catholic Primary School is proud to be a Fairtrade School. We strive towards a movement where our children, from Reception to Year 6, learn and understand that they have the power to make a difference in the world by being reflective and thankful for what we have at school, which supports the Cottesmore School Values.

Being a Fairtrade school, enables children to develop and learn a range of skills; from teamwork and co-operation to persuasive writing when creating a stall as part of a fundraiser. In turn, these experiences also support Cottesmore's Learning Muscles to be curious about the world and demonstrate co-operative relationships.

Our aim at Cottesmore is to work together, as a school community, to promote and raise awareness of Fairtrade through:

- Breakfast club, school events and meetings (use of Fairtrade products)
- Child-led informative assemblies (Fairtrade Fortnight)
- Organising and planning bake sales and fundraisers (Advent Fair and recipe book)
- Creating engaging competitions (Design a hot chocolate and Mug)
- Attending regular meetings with the Fairtrade Committee (every half term)
- Integrating Fairtrade into the school curriculum (Year 5 Maya Chocolate Topic and DT cooking lessons)

- Promoting and celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight (recipe book to be sold at summer fair)

These events bring the Cottesmore community together and enables us to implement a scheme to create awareness of a fairer world and to further enable our school community to become global citizens. Our School mission supports this idea to ensure we help “those in need” and to “always have hope” towards a fairer world. Together, as a school, we can make a difference.