



Headteacher: Mr M Warren

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Dear Parents/Carers

The School Leadership Team were approached by one of our students, Naomi Harvey, with a request and an idea of how we could raise money for the victims of Grenfell Tower. The following is written by Naomi:

On the morning of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, the world woke up to the news of a terrible fire at the Grenfell Tower in West London, which was the deadliest in Great Britain since the Second World War, resulting in many casualties, deaths and severe damage to the building.

Before the fire, the tower had been newly renovated and was home to at least 120 families. The whole tower went up in flames that Tuesday night and now all that is left is charred remains that no one is able to live in. It caused many deaths, with the current death toll at 79. However, many people did survive the fire and those are the people that need our help the most. These people had to leave their homes with nothing except what they were wearing and what they were able to pick up as they escaped the burning tower block. These people now have nothing and it is up to us to be able to do what we can to help them in their time of need, even if we can't truly understand what they are going through.

Ines Alves, was one of the survivors of the Grenfell Tower Fire. She left her home in the middle of the night with only a pair of clothes that she had managed to put on, her phone and her Chemistry notes. Ines is sixteen years old, the same age I am. On that Wednesday morning, just hours after she was forced to leave her home, she went into school to sit her Chemistry GCSE the same exam I took. All I had to worry about when I was taking the exam was the question on my paper. She had to worry about the questions on that paper, and the fact that after she left from taking her exam, she had no home to go back to.

What can we do to help?

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Presdales School will hold an extra non-uniform day and all the money raised will go towards helping those who were affected by the Grenfell Tower Fire. This is also Sports Day so it will be different from other years when you have had to watch sports day outside in the hot sun if you have not been partaking in it in your school uniform. As it is a non-uniform day the normal £2 that you need to bring in applies, but you are more than welcome to contribute anymore towards this cause if you would like to. The Reverend Mark Dunstan, one of our School governors, knows the Dean at Christ Church in North Kensington, very near to Grenfell Tower. This church has been directly helping and caring for survivors. Reverend Mark Dunstan has been in touch with the Dean and all proceeds that we are able to raise will be given to Christ Church Kensington where it can be used to directly help those who have lost everything and are having to start their whole life from scratch and so desperately need our help.

Please help this cause. All our £2.00's will help someone.  
Thank you .



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From speaking to a number of parents, we know that the local community is already actively supporting the fund through local churches and community groups.

We would like to thank Naomi for her idea and ask that all students support this cause by bringing in a minimum of £2.00.

Yours sincerely

M Warren  
Headteacher

