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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to tell you about the Shenley Academy Charity fundraising event for the Acorns Hospice taking place on 19th November.

Earlier this term all staff took part in a variety of activities and made donations towards the charity and we would now like our students and local community to join us in our fundraising efforts.

We will be holding a non-school uniform day on Friday 19th November.

Students may take part for a minimum £1 donation.

Students who choose to come to school wearing non-school uniform must be dressed appropriately for school.

Any student who do not wish to take part in the fundraising event must attend in full school uniform.

Acorns Hospice

Acorns Hospice is located in Selly Oak, Birmingham, and we have decided that it will be the chosen charity for fundraising events for Shenley Academy this academic year.

Acorns provide care for babies, children, and young people, who have life limiting or life-threatening conditions. Children visit Acorns for respite, short breaks, end of life and emergency care whilst providing families with respite care. The hospice provides a home from home, relaxing environment where children can take part in a range of fun and therapeutic activities. These range from cooking, music therapy, cinema trips, theatre workshops, arts, and craft sessions to hydrotherapy.

Caring for a child with complex medical needs can place unimaginable demands on a family, both physically and emotionally. When time is short every moment is precious which is why, as well as providing specialist care, we help families to make lasting memories. The specialised staff support families on their journeys, in any way they can. In the past year, they have supported over 704 children and more than 940 families across the West Midlands, including those who have been bereaved.

It costs around £10 million a year to run the care services in the 3 hospices based in Selly Oak, Walsall and Worcester and the majority of this comes from generous donations from the local community. Unfortunately, the pandemic has had a big impact on the amount of money they have been able to generate through donations over the last 18 months and therefore they desperately need our help.



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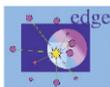
I do hope that all our students and families will join us in supporting our chosen charity and enjoy the non-school uniform day.

If you would like any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact the school at shenley.enquiry@e-act.org.uk

Kind Regards

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