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**Support Children’s Heart Surgery Fund on Friday 2nd February by taking part in Wear Red Day.**

Dear [Headteacher Name],

I wanted to write and let you know about how our school can get involved and support Wear Red Day which is run by the charity Children’s Heart Surgery Fund (CHSF).

Congenital heart disease (CHD) is the most common birth defect with 13 babies being diagnosed with a congenital heart defect every day in UK. The range of conditions and treatments available mean that for children and parents the treatment pathway can be very different to anyone else they might meet with CHD.

As [Parents / Carers / Grandparents / Auntie etc] to a child affected by CHD who attends [Insert School Name] we would love the school to get involved and help support this amazing charity.

As a family we have been supported by CHSF, and we invite you to support the charity by wearing red and raising vital funds and awareness on Friday 2nd February 2024, to help CHSF continue to support the thousands of babies, children and adults living with heart disease in our region.

The simple action of pupils wearing an item of red clothing and dedicating part of a school assembly to talk about Wear Red Day would be such an amazing support to not only us as family members but also the wider CHD community. You can find a template on the next page which can use to send out an email or letter inviting students and families to get involved. It would be brilliant if we could ask if families can make a £1 donation on the day to get involved, or a donation of their choice.

Children’s Heart Surgery Fund receives no government or NHS funding and relies solely on public support. It is a registered charity (1148359) and more details of the work they do can be found at [www.chsf.org.uk](https://www.chsf.org.uk/).

I really hope you will consider our request for support and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

**TEMPLATE LETTER / EMAIL TO PARENTS**

 

Dear parents,

At [SCHOOL NAME], we will be celebrating WEAR RED DAY by inviting pupils to wear a red [top/jumper/socks/accessory – INSERT CHOSEN RED ITEMS] on Friday 2nd February 2024, to raise awareness of congenital heart disease and raise funds for Children’s Heart Surgery Fund (CHSF), a charity supporting children with heart conditions and their families.

We’d like to invite pupils to take part and bring a £1 donation which will be collected and sent to CHSF. You can also donate via text: from your phone, text CHSFWRD + the amount you want to donate to 70085. For example, text ' CHSFWRD 1' to donate £1. You can also donate online at www.chsf.org.uk/donate.

An average of 13 babies each day in the UK are diagnosed with a heart defect – with more diagnoses later in life. Congenital heart disease is the most common birth defect in the UK, affecting around 1 in every 125 babies that are born.

Any child born with a heart defect in Yorkshire, The Humber and North East Lincolnshire will be treated by the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit and supported by CHSF. The Charity know that caring for people with congenital heart disease involves more than treating just the heart itself. Children’s Heart Surgery Fund support the heart, mind, family and future of its patients and our region’s world class heart centre.

CHSF will receive 100% of donations made by our school, all of which will help the Charity to be there for heart warriors and their families throughout the challenging and difficult times when there is often little other support available.

This charity has supported members of our school community, and we really hope that you will get involved by wearing red on Friday 2nd February and making any donation you can.

Find out more about Children’s Heart Surgery Fund and Wear Red Day at: [www.chsf.org.uk/wear-red-day](https://www.chsf.org.uk/wear-red-day).

Yours sincerely,

[NAME]