



David School Messenger



Education Changes Lives

The School Takes Precautionary Measures

Like everywhere else the David School, and the community it serves, is having to face up to the threat of coronavirus. However, having survived the outbreak of Ebola in Sierra Leone a few years ago, teachers at the school were quick to instigate preventative measures.



They insist that all children wash their hands on arrival at school and take everyone's temperature.



The Trust sent extra supplies of soap to help with this. The picture in the centre shows some of the supplies on one of the barrels used for hand-washing water.



The Sierra Leone government decided to act quickly too, hopefully before the coronavirus can take a hold, by closing schools early for the Easter holiday.

They have since decided that schools will remain closed indefinitely, and that in line with many other countries school public exams (NPSE, BECE & WASSCE) will be suspended until further notice. Then on March 25th the President pronounced a state of emergency for a period of 12 months, which will restrict all movement. This was done during the Ebola crisis and our community came through relatively unscathed.



There are still resources at the school which can be used, when appropriate, and the last shipment that arrived contained shoes that have been distributed. (See pictures on the left and right)

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS OF SOAP, SHOES OR ANYTHING ELSE.



The Trustees are doing all they can to help and support from the UK. They are continuing to pay the teachers, and have already transferred money to do this. They rely on Alfred, their *man on the ground* there to see that the money reaches the staff. He is indispensable to the work of the David School. Among his other tasks are collecting and unpacking any shipments, delivering food to the extra vulnerable children who the Trust support as they have no family, and deal with any maintenance and security issues that arise at school.



Alfred

Your continued help through this difficult period would be very much appreciated.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Are you shopping more online?

Here are two ways in which you could help the Trust every time you make purchases.

1. Change your Amazon account to Amazon Smile



AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices and shopping features as Amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. To do this:

- a. Sign in to smile.amazon.co.uk on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
- b. From your desktop, go to *Your Account* from the navigation at the top of any page and then select the option to *Change your Charity*. Or, from your mobile browser, select *Change your Charity* from the options at the bottom of the page.
- c. Select The David School Trust to support.

2. Use Easy Fundraising UK



As the UK's leading charity reward shopping site, Easyfundraising connects registered consumers with their favourite retail brands to support the charities they are passionate about. This covers a lot of retailers so is useful when not using Amazon.

To use this:

- a. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and sign up for free. Now you have your account and you have chosen what good cause you are supporting you can do the second thing.
- b. Start shopping. Every time you shop online, head to easyfundraising first. We have over 3,000 retailers on board, so simply pick the one you want to visit and start shopping. Once you have registered, if you go straight to a retailer, it will remind you if the company is registered with easyfundraising.
- c. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a free donation to your good cause and it won't cost you a penny extra!

Or you could

1. Give £5 a month by emailing David on wallwork26@btinternet.com who will send you the necessary forms
2. Make a Single donation by sending a cheque made out to *The David School Trust* to Mrs G Hartley, 28 Biggin Lane, Ramsey, Huntingdon PE26 1NB

Remember that if you are a UK Tax payer, the Trust can claim Gift Aid, so please ask Ina for the relevant form, if you have not already completed one for us.

We are also collect used printer cartridges.

If you would like to find out about how to help with these, please visit the website www.thedavidschool.co.uk for more information.

**100% of all donations will be used to support our children.
A very big thank you from everyone at the David School.**

Due to Covid 19, it won't be possible to have an AGM, but if you would like to view the Trustees Report and Accounts for 2019, they will be available in the next couple of weeks on the Charity Commission website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission