



THE ORATORY

DONOR CHARTER

The Oratory School is deeply committed to its donors and remains dedicated to treating friends and supporters with the highest level of care and respect. The donor charter has been produced to assure donors and potential donors of the integrity and accountability of The Oratory School Development Programme.

At the heart of The Oratory School lies a passion for providing an outstanding all-round education for boys within a nurturing, supportive and happy community. We believe that fundraising from the School's core community (parents, alumni, staff, governors and friends) is critical in order to increase the financial resources needed to achieve the School's mission.

We will:

- Fundraise only for purposes that are of strategic importance to our School objectives.
- Inform donors of the way we intend to use donated resources, and of our commitment to use donations effectively for their intended purposes.
- Keep donors informed of the impact of their philanthropy and the School's evolving needs and priorities.
- Deploy fundraising strategies in accordance with the Institute of Fundraising's [Code of Fundraising Practice](#).
- Allow donors to have access to the School's most recent published financial accounts.
- Assure donors that their rights to privacy will be respected and that there will be full compliance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 1998.
- Ensure donors receive appropriate acknowledgment, recognition, and publicity for their donation in consultation with the donor, and to respect anonymity if requested.
- Keep administrative costs as low as practically possible.
- Operate fundraising appeals in a cost-effective manner.
- Listen to and take all reasonable donor suggestions on board.
- Respond promptly to donor questions and complaints.

We will not:

- Deliberately mislead or confuse donors or prospective donors.
- Inundate individuals with requests to donate or pressurise donors / prospective donors.
- Accept donations for purposes that don't advance our strategic aims.
- Accept donations where we identify a potential conflict of interest with the donor.

All donations:

- Will be applied to the purpose for which they were originally intended. The priorities of the School will change from time to time and, should this happen, alternative uses for restricted donations will be discussed with the donor or the donor's representative.
- When undesignated will be used for such purposes as the School judges will best advance its academic priorities.
- Will be acknowledged promptly.