



Epping Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Fundraising for Essex and Herts Air Ambulance

Do you know that sadly, in the last 12 months the number of road traffic accidents and collisions has increased at an alarming rate.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance can be rushed to the scene with life-saving support equipment to deliver advanced clinical care, usually only available in the hospital emergency department.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, unlike NHS emergency services, is a charity. The free life-saving service is provided 24/7 by helicopters and by rapid response vehicles. Each critical care team consists of a pilot and co-pilot, a pre-hospital care doctor and a critical care paramedic. They cannot access National Lottery funding, and only have limited support from the Government. Therefore, they rely on the generosity and goodwill to raise vital funds so they can remain operational.

Essex & Herts will also provide schools with lifesaving training through their CPR SMART programme. Through this they intend to supply children with the knowledge and tools for us to teach this lifesaving skill. As a group of schools within Epping Forest we are keen to ensure that we can train our staff and support this charity at the same time by buying 6 of their manikins and accessing their training.

On **Friday 16th October 2026**, we will be holding a fundraising day. We are asking pupils to come into school in **red and yellow clothing**. We will be taking part in activities such as basic first aid, daily mile and learning what to do in an emergency. We are asking for a small donation per family which will all go to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

Along with other schools this should enable us to have a set of manikins across our partnership to teach children essential life saving skills.

More information will come out next week about how to donate.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs T O'Donnell
Headteacher

