

Welcome to the Lighthouse Foundation

Lighting the Way for Our Community

At Lighthouse Multi Academy Trust, we believe that no child, family or colleague should face hardship alone.

The **Lighthouse Foundation** has been created to provide practical support when life becomes difficult. Whether it's helping a family after an unexpected crisis, supporting a child with essential school items, or assisting a member of staff through challenging circumstances, the Foundation exists to ensure help is available when it's needed most.

The Foundation builds on the success of the former **300 Club**, expanding its vision to become a Trust-wide community of kindness, compassion and support.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, helps us make a real difference.

Together, we can light the way.

Becoming a Lighthouse Foundation Ambassador

By choosing to become a **Lighthouse Foundation Ambassador**, you're joining a community of people committed to helping others.

Ambassadors support the Foundation through a monthly, annual or one-off donation via Direct Debit.

Every contribution helps us respond quickly and sensitively when support is needed across our Trust.

As a thank you, every Ambassador receives a personalised Lighthouse Foundation Ambassador Certificate in recognition of their commitment to our community.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to become an Ambassador?

No.

Becoming an Ambassador is entirely voluntary. We understand that everyone has different financial commitments, and there is absolutely no expectation for anyone to contribute.

Whether you donate or simply support the Foundation in other ways, you remain an important part of our Lighthouse community.

Who can become an Ambassador?

Anyone who wishes to support the work of the Lighthouse Foundation can become an Ambassador, including:

- Staff
- Trustees
- Governors
- Parents and carers
- Members of our wider community

How much can I donate?

You choose the amount that's right for you.

You can make:

- A monthly donation
- An annual donation
- A one-off gift

Every donation, regardless of its value, helps us support those who need it most.

What does the Foundation provide?

The Foundation exists to provide practical help where it can make the greatest difference.

Support may include:

- School uniform and shoes
- Coats and essential clothing
- Food and household essentials
- Beds and bedding
- Educational resources
- Travel assistance
- Emergency support following family crises
- Assistance for colleagues experiencing hardship

Every application is considered individually.

Who can apply for support?

Support may be requested for:

- Children
- Families
- Parents and carers
- Members of staff

Applications are submitted by schools or appropriate members of staff who know the circumstances and can explain why support is needed.

How are decisions made?

Applications are considered by the **Lighthouse Foundation Panel**, made up of representatives from across Lighthouse Multi Academy Trust.

Every request is treated with compassion, fairness and confidentiality.

The panel carefully considers each application to ensure donations are used where they will have the greatest impact.

Will my donation be managed securely?

Yes.

The Lighthouse Foundation is governed through appropriate financial procedures and oversight.

Funds are held separately from academy budgets and are managed in accordance with the Foundation's governance arrangements to ensure transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship.

Is my donation confidential?

Yes.

Your personal information and donation details will always be treated confidentially and managed in accordance with data protection requirements.

Will I know how donations are being used?

Absolutely.

Throughout the year we'll share the impact the Foundation has made through anonymous stories and updates, helping our Ambassadors see the difference their generosity is making while always protecting the privacy and dignity of those receiving support.

Can I become involved?

Yes.

As the Foundation grows, there will be opportunities to become a Lighthouse Foundation Panel Member, support fundraising events and share ideas that help the Foundation continue to grow and reach even more people.

Every act of kindness matters

The Lighthouse Foundation is about more than financial support.

It's about creating a culture where kindness, compassion and community are at the heart of everything we do.

Together, we're helping children flourish, families feel supported and colleagues know they're never alone.

Thank you for helping us light the way.