

## Coronavirus (COVID-19): Fundraising Regulator and Chartered Institute of Fundraising publish new guidance to support fundraising

The Fundraising Regulator and Chartered Institute of Fundraising (IoF) have published two pieces of guidance to support charitable organisations to return to fundraising activities, as restrictions are eased across the UK.

The guidance, prepared in consultation with Public Health England and the Health and Safety Executive, covers:

- over-arching principles which should be applied to all fundraising methods
- specific advice on public fundraising (including street, door-to-door and private site fundraising)

The Fundraising Regulator and IoF will continue to publish practical advice covering fundraising activities affected by social distancing over the weeks ahead.

### Why is this guidance relevant to schools?

Whilst schools are unlikely to participate in public fundraising, this guidance intends to aid good decision making and sets out a framework for safe and responsible fundraising moving forward. It is essential that schools consider this guidance, in-line with the [Code of Fundraising Practice](#) (the code) and current [government advice](#) on coronavirus including [working safely during coronavirus](#), to ensure all fundraising activities are carried out sensitively, safely and responsibly.

### What is included in the guidance on the over-arching principles schools should apply to their fundraising post-COVID?

This guidance highlights the issues you should consider when adapting the way your school fundraises as lockdown measures are eased. In particular it provides advice on:

- how to plan your future fundraising;
- how to behave and interact safely and respectfully with the public;
- how to safeguard the public, staff and volunteers; and
- undertaking a risk assessment.

### What is the status of this guidance?

This guidance is intended to supplement existing government guidance and highlights the key issues and areas that fundraising organisations, including schools, need to consider when fundraising. It is the responsibility of individual organisations to apply this guidance in their fundraising activity so that the safety and wellbeing of fundraisers and the public are protected. Part of acting responsibly will also include fundraising organisations properly documenting their decisions, undertaking risk assessments, and being prepared to explain and justify these if necessary.



## Will there be further guidance produced by the Fundraising Regulator and Chartered Institute of Fundraising on fundraising post-COVID?

This guidance is part of a series of resources that will be produced over the coming months, by the Fundraising Regulator and the Chartered Institute of Fundraising, to support charities and other fundraising organisations to be able to return to fundraising activities in a responsible way.

## Does the guidance apply to all schools fundraising across the UK?

Requirements may differ across the UK. So, depending where your charity carries out fundraising, you should always check the relevant guidance and apply it to your fundraising activity, especially as guidance is likely to evolve over time. For further advice, see guidance from the devolved nations of [Scotland](#), [Wales](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

## Are all forms of fundraising activity allowed now?

In all cases, fundraising should only be carried out where it is safe to do so, and provided it is in line with government advice and any guidance issued by the devolved administrations. It is important to remember that some methods of fundraising, such as community fundraising events involving large groups of people, or mass participation events, cannot safely resume under current social distancing rules.

Read IDPE's summary of the [over-arching principles which should be applied to all fundraising methods](#) or read the [full guidance](#) now.