



London's
Air Ambulance
Charity

Create-a-Copter

Be **helicopter heroes** and help **London's Air Ambulance Charity** save lives

Autumn 2021



Welcome to the team!

Thank you for signing up to Create-a-Copter and being helicopter heroes!

London's Air Ambulance has been privileged to enjoy a special relationship with schools in London, with our helicopters often landing at school sites throughout the capital. Create-a-Copter is the chance for your pupils to let their imaginations fly as they create their own special helicopters to support our life-saving service.

Whether they build their copter out of recycled materials or Papier-mâché, sew a copter costume, draw or paint a picture, or even bake a helicopter shaped cake, their creativity can run free. Their copters could be realistic replicas of our iconic red helicopter, or they could be magical, futuristic or fantastical creations. Maybe they'll invent something we could use on our helicopters in years to come!

As well as creating an amazing copter, pupils could write a story, poem or even a song about their helicopter and the adventures it could have. Create-a-Copter runs until 22 October 2021.

Your chance to win a truly unique experience with London's Air Ambulance Charity

We are offering pupils and teachers the chance to see our iconic helicopter up close and meet our pilots and medical crew

The competition is completely voluntary – if you would rather not enter, that is absolutely fine and doesn't stop your school from participating in the main Create-a-Copter activity.

To [enter](#), just decide on the Copter to represent your school and complete the simple entry form by 3pm on Friday 5 November.



Winners will be chosen by an expert panel consisting of our pilots, medics and fundraising team. Competition categories will be:

- Our favourite copter creation Key Stage 1
- Our favourite copter creation Key Stage 2
- Plus the school with the highest fundraising total

There will also be special prizes for runners up in all categories.

Further information and terms and conditions regarding the competition can be found [here](#).

Thank you for supporting London's Air Ambulance Charity... it means so much to us.

Not everyone knows that we are a charity that relies almost entirely on the support of the people who live, work and travel throughout London.

It costs around £9m a year for us to provide our life-saving service. Thanks to the support of London's schools, we can continue to be there for the capital's most critically injured patients, every second of every day.

“ It was great to see the children rally behind London's Air Ambulance after the charity helped their friend. The school held a sleepover, a cake sale and other fundraising activities. ”

Trinity Church of England School, Bexley

Ideas for fundraising with Create-a-Copter

There are lots of ways you and your pupils can fundraise for London's Air Ambulance Charity while creating your amazing helicopters. Below are just a few ideas:

- Include a voluntary **donation** for every helicopter design entered by pupils
- Host a **Create-a-Copter exhibition** and celebrate your pupils' creativity (what a great way to get families back into your school after the 18 months we have just experienced!)
- Encourage an entry donation to your exhibition and hold a **bake sale and raffle**
- Pupils could get their helicopter creations **sponsored** through your online fundraising page
- Hold a **quiz evening** for parents and pupils, with a donated entry fee that could be collected through your online fundraising page. How about parents v pupils?
- Hold a sponsored **cycle ride** around your playground. You could get pupils to collectively cover the 116 miles around the M25, our boundary, or maybe a **distance challenge** where pupils could step together the equivalent of the 42,000 people our service has treated since 1989.

If you are collecting donations offline, you can either pay your fundraising onto your online page or send a cheque to our office in Mansell Street. Please ensure you include a covering letter so that we can make sure we can record it correctly and send you a receipt letter.



Resources and support

We have created a range of resources that we hope will help with your Create-a-Copter project. All of the content will be available to participating schools and can be downloaded or accessed via your unique Create-a-Copter page.

The resources include:

- An up-close and personal video tour of our helicopter by our chief pilot, Captin Neil Jeffers
- History of helicopters presentation, including a look at the different types and designs of helicopter London's Air Ambulance has used over our 32 year history
- A presentation about the service we provide, featuring our amazing medical and operational teams
- A video showing what happens when we are called out on a mission
- Lesson plans specially designed for pupils to learn about our work through STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities

There is an FAQ section on our website [here](#).

If you require further information or have a question not covered in our FAQ's section, please contact us at community@londonsairambulance.org.uk and our dedicated team will respond as quickly as possible.

Some facts and figures about London's Air Ambulance Charity

London's Air Ambulance was founded in 1989 and to date has treated over 42,000 critically injured people and attended most major incidents in London including 7/7, the Grenfell Tower fire and London Bridge terror incident.

We have a 7.5 minutes average flight time and the helicopter can fly anywhere in London (inside the M25) within 11 minutes.

The average time between 999 call and treatment on the scene is 15 minutes.

On average 5 seriously injured patients are treated every day by our team.

1,494 critically injured patients were treated by a senior doctor and paramedic team at the roadside in 2020. You can see our life-saving work across London in more detail via our interactive Mission Map [here](#).



We were the first air ambulance in the UK to:

- Carry a doctor on board at all times
- Provide a 24/7 service
- Administer anaesthetic on scene
- Administer blood transfusions
- Perform open heart surgery on scene



You can contact us with any questions, feedback or requests for further information by email, phone or post.

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