



London's
Air Ambulance
Charity

Create-a-Copter

Using arts, crafts and imagination
to help save lives across London



Welcome to the team!

London's Air Ambulance Charity has been privileged to enjoy a special relationship with schools in London. Our helicopters often land at school sites throughout the capital, and our service sadly attends incidents involving school age children across the city.

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.

Thank you once again for choosing to raise vital funds for London's Air Ambulance Charity and the people of London we serve every day.

Planning your Create-a-Copter activity

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
- Encourage an entry donation to your exhibition and hold a **bake sale and raffle**
- Pupils could get their helicopter creations sponsored using our **downloadable sponsorship form**
- Hold a **quiz evening** for parents and pupils, with a **donated entry fee** that could be collected through your dedicated online fundraising page. How about parents v pupils?

It costs around **£10m 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.



“ The whole school signed up to create amazing helicopters and raise vital funds. We really enjoyed it and all the entries were so special. Big thanks to London's Air Ambulance Charity. ”

Oriel Academy West London

Some interesting facts about your local air ambulance charity



London's Air Ambulance Charity was founded in 1989. To date we have treated over 43,000 critically injured people and attended most major incidents in London including 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.

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

1,713 critically injured patients were treated by a senior doctor and paramedic team at the roadside in 2021. You can see our life-saving work across London in more detail via our **interactive Mission Map**.

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

“ Every year we pick a charity to support, but it's not just about fundraising, It's also about spreading awareness and immersing the children in something important too. We always pick a charity that will be meaningful for the children and were proud to support London's Air Ambulance this time around. It was a fabulous day! ”

Annie Thackray, Headteacher
St Christopher's School, Epsom

Resources and downloads

We have created a **range of resources** to help with your **Create-a-Copter** activity:

- 'History of Helicopters' presentation
- Sponsorship forms
- A letter template for parents, carers or families
- Digital media graphic
- An up-close and personal video tour of our helicopter by our chief pilot, Captain Neil Jeffers
- A video showing what happens when we are called out on a mission

There is also an **FAQ section** on our website

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.



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

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