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Lenten Challenge 2021

What does the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) do?

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Watch this presentation carefully – there will be a quiz to test your knowledge at the end!

# What does the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) do?

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- CCS helps children, young people and families of all faiths and none
- The charity help people who are facing difficulties in their lives
- They work locally across our diocese



## Extra Fact!

Did you know that CCS is one of the oldest children's charities in the UK? It was founded in 1859!

## How do CCS help? Family Centres

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- CCS runs two family centres
- Many of the families who go to the centres do not have toys or books at home. They come to the centres with their children to play and have fun!
- Parents and carers also get help and support



Extra Fact!

Every year CCS supporters donate Christmas gifts and toys to all the children at the Family Centres. Father Christmas usually pops in to hand out presents!

## How do CCS help? Mental Health Service

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- CCS helps older children and young people who are experiencing poor mental health
- Our counsellors and therapists work in over 80 schools to help children and young people feel better



### Extra Fact!

CCS also produce activities to help children and young people who are feeling alone, anxious, or finding it difficult to express their feelings. The resources are [here](#) if you ever need them.

## How do CCS help? Crisis Fund

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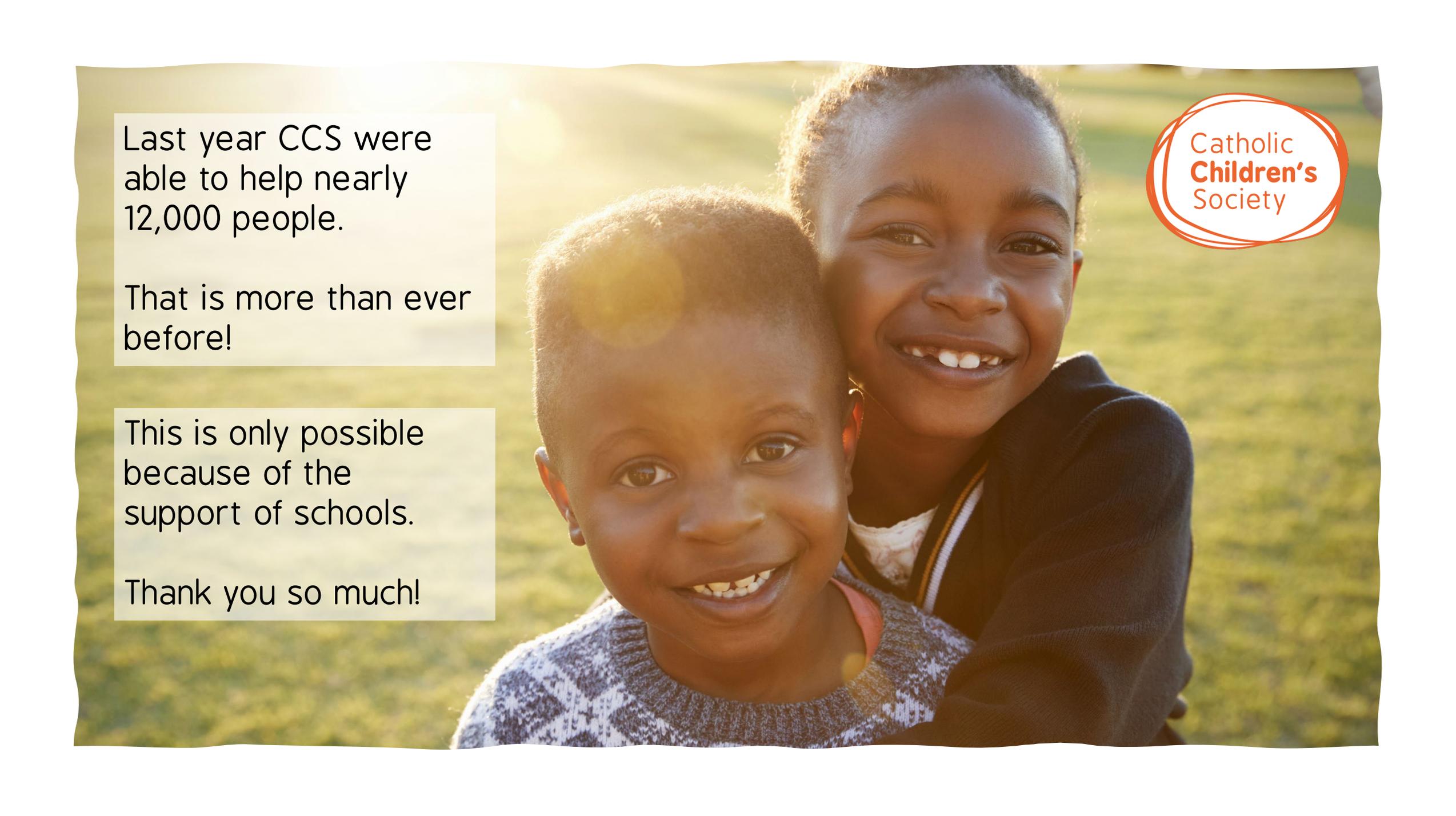


- CCS also provide emergency help for families facing a crisis in their lives who need help quickly
- They provide food and fund essential items such as beds and clothes when families have nowhere else to turn



### Extra Fact!

During the Coronavirus pandemic, CCS has been able to deliver emergency support to over 4,800 local children, parents and carers!

A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, smiling warmly. The boy is in the foreground, wearing a grey and white patterned sweater. The girl is behind him, wearing a dark blue jacket. They are outdoors in a grassy field with a bright sun in the background, creating a soft, golden glow.

Last year CCS were able to help nearly 12,000 people.

That is more than ever before!

This is only possible because of the support of schools.

Thank you so much!

The logo for Catholic Children's Society, featuring the text "Catholic Children's Society" in a sans-serif font, with "Children's" in a larger, bold font. The text is enclosed in a red, hand-drawn style oval border.

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One of the children we  
were able to help was  
six-year-old Maya . . .

## Maya's Story

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Maya lives with her mum and little sister. Maya's mum worked in the same local restaurant for over 10 years. Sadly, due to the Coronavirus pandemic the restaurant permanently closed and Maya's mum lost her job.

Maya's mum could no longer pay the rent for their flat and the family had to move to somewhere they could afford. Their old flat had everything there already – it had beds, a fridge, cooker and washing machine. The new flat was much cheaper but didn't have any furniture – just three empty rooms.



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Maya's mum had no money to buy any furniture. She had just enough money for rent, bills and food but had nothing left over to buy a fridge, cooker or even a bed.

The family had just a kettle and the only hot meal they could have was watery soup. Without beds, they slept on the bare floor and used thin blankets to keep them warm.



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When Maya came back to school after the holidays her teacher was shocked. Maya had gone from a smiley, happy girl to looking tired and sad.

Maya's mum told the school what had happened and that they were living in a flat with nothing.

The school called CCS to see if they could help Maya and her family.

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The very next day, CCS was able to give the family funds to buy beds, bedding, a washing machine, a fridge and a cooker.

Maya and her mum could not believe it!

Maya's school got in touch a few weeks later to tell CCS that Maya is smiling again and is full of energy. She is sleeping well in a comfy bed and eating proper meals.



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Maya's mum said:

*"I cannot thank you enough for the kindness you have shown us. I haven't been able to sleep for weeks with worry . . . it is such a relief to know that I will be able to feed my children and give them a bed to sleep in at night.*

*I feel like a weight has been lifted. This has made all the difference to my family."*



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By supporting CCS  
you are helping  
children like Maya.

Thank you so much!

# CCS Quiz – How much can you remember?

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[Click here to take the CCS Quiz!](#)