

No charity meeting? Don't panic!

Here are some things you can do instead...

The charity meeting is an important moment in the First Give programme, giving your students crucial insight into their chosen charity's work and impact.

While face-to-face is strongly recommended, the coursebook advises on alternative means of communication – via social media, virtual calls, or even an emailed exchange of questions and responses. The school's First Give Programme Manager can also help; contact them via your Lead Teacher.

However, even taking these steps into account, we recognise it isn't always possible for charities to meet your students due to limited resources, or scheduling issues. The advice below is to support your class where neither a meeting nor contact of any kind has been possible.

Use the charity's website/organisation reviews

Guide the students to conduct further research on the chosen charity's website/review sites where they will find interesting quotes, statistics and information (including case studies and impact reports) about the charity and the social issue. This can be used in their presentation, and might even spark suggestions for their social action.

Make use of the suggested questions

We have suggested meeting questions on pages 14 and 15 of the coursebook. Even without a meeting, students can use these to form the basis of their research – can they complete every box using the website, reviews and other online hunting?

Turn it into something creative!

We appreciate the lack of a meeting may leave a hole in your lesson planning. The research above can be turned into something visual – such as a group poster, collage, or info display – which can then feed into class and School Final presentations. Likewise, why not use it as the basis of a poem, role play or song – something a bit different, and immediately useful as students develop their presentations in the next stage of the programme.