## ****Wear your Footy Shirt to Work Day provides a footy kit for school in Zambia****

In June staff across Nugent held a ‘Wear your Footy Shirt to Work’ day and raised £300 to buy a football kit for the children and young people at St Mulumba’s Special School in Choma, Zambia.

The school’s team have been playing in t-shirts and shorts and said they would love to have a proper team football kit.  So Nugent’s staff obliged and through the money raised where able to send the school a full team strip.

In a Thank You letter the Schools Deputy Head said:

“We were excited when we heard of your generous gesture to buy a strip for our football team.

When the bag was opened and the black and orange strip appeared we were very happy.  Did you know orange and black are colours in Zambian flag as well as green and red?

We will wear the strip with pride and think of the people who sent it to us. We have played well recently and came second in the national league.

Thank you for thinking of us.”

St Mulumba’s boarding school provides education for 160 children with specific, and sometimes very severe, physical and mental disabilities.

The school is in Choma, which is a market town and capital of the Southern Province of Zambia, lying on the main road and railway from Lusaka to Livingstone. The population of Choma is said to be about 247,860 people and it serves as the commercial hub for the central region of the province. The Nkanga River Conservation Area lies nearby.

Choma is also the headquarters of a district of the same name. Most of the district lies at 1400 metres above sea level.

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**Nugent** offers a diverse range of support to adults and children in Merseyside through our schools, care homes, community and social work services and social enterprise. We work at the heart of some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. We strive also to generate interest, awareness and an understanding of the issues they face and the impact of this on our wider communities.

We support on average 6,000 people each year. We are a major employer in the area, employing 650 staff and supporting 350 volunteers and we advocate on issues of justice and fairness.

**We aim to:**

* Care, educate, protect and inspire those in need.
* Be an employer of choice.
* Be an advocate: A voice for the voiceless.

The origins of Nugent date back to the 1800’s and the pioneering work of Father James Nugent (1822-1905) in relation to child welfare, relief from poverty and social reform. His work continues through Nugent and we are the social welfare arm of the Catholic Archdiocese of Liverpool.

More information about our work and our services can be found at [wearenugent.org](https://www.wearenugent.org)