

npower's generosity helps kids at Cedars School get around



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npower's donation of £17,000 towards a brand new mini bus has meant that students at Cedars School Sports College in Low Fell can, once again, take part in extra-curricular activities including trips to the swimming baths, leisure centre, parks and theatres.

The school caters for the needs of children with physical and speech and language disorders and when one of their mini-buses failed its MOT, fund-raising for a new Variety Club bus was moved to the top of the list of priorities. The challenge was to raise over £15,500 within six months. It was a chance conversation with [npower's](#) Wes Craig, the uncle of Michael Craig, one of the senior students at The Cedars that raised the possibility of some help.

Wes referred the request to the npower charities board and £17,000 was donated to the school. Jane Fraser, head teacher at The Cedars, is delighted, saying: "npower's response truly was the answer to a prayer! We've already used the new bus for a wide variety of trips and visits. It provides the children with an opportunity to broaden their education in sporting and cultural activities.

"We have put the remaining £1,500 to kick off the fund-raising to replace the second old mini-bus, as that, too, is on its last tyres."

Wes was amongst a group of [npower](#) staff invited to join in the celebration of receiving the new bus. He found the experience a humbling one, explaining: "It was good to be able to do something positive for the Cedars in return for all the help and support they have given Michael and many other children, over the years."

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