



Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

### School Fund

Every year we invite each family in the school to make a voluntary contribution towards the School Fund. Normally, we write to parents regarding school fund in September or October, but this year, mindful of the challenges many of our families have faced during the last two years, we decided to delay this letter. However, some parents have approached us and asked how they can contribute to School Fund and we are now at a stage where your donations would certainly have a positive impact, which is why we are writing to you now.

You may be wondering why we ask for this contribution. Monies from School Fund enable us to enrich the curriculum throughout the year to add interest and excitement to lessons. Examples include the purchase of ingredients for Design Technology lessons, materials for Science lessons and specialist media for Art. The School Fund resources described here enable us to make lessons more memorable and help us to make them even more engaging and practical. The costs for such resources are beyond the essentials met through our delegated budgets. These budgets have been even more pinched than normal as a result of high supply costs following the impact of Covid across the school. Your School Fund contributions also help us to replenish key items such as Pritt Sticks and laminating pouches, which our budget simply doesn't allow for anymore.

We are extremely lucky to have such an active and ambitious PTA and are so grateful to you all for the way in which you support all of the events they organise. The funds the PTA raise are ring-fenced and as such can't be used to purchase certain key things we find we need, but can be put towards other developments, such as the new murals you may have seen around the school.

School Fund is now set up on Parent Pay. The suggested amount is £25 per family. A few parents have asked us if they can contribute more to School Fund and the answer is 'yes, thank you!' The support and generosity shown by families in previous years' School Fund contributions certainly has made a difference so I would like to thank everyone very much in anticipation of a great response this year too.

Yours faithfully,

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