



Backwell School

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A National Teaching School

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Dear Parent/Carer

School Fund Donations

You may recall that we usually ask parents for donations for the school fund to enable the school to provide a range of extra-curricular activities, as well as support a student hardship fund. This year we would like to ask you to consider supporting one of two specific projects or the general fund.

You are, no doubt, aware of school funding issues reported in the press, but you will be pleased to hear that we have worked hard to ensure that the school can balance its budget whilst at the same time maintaining high standards of specialist teaching for your children. However, this does mean there is little money left over for the 'nice to have' things and development items that we would like to pursue. There are two projects in particular for which we would like to ask for your support.

The first project is the upgrade of the Main Theatre, which is used by all students for assemblies and is the focal point of many school activities, including drama productions and music concerts. We have recently received a grant from the Stancombe Quarry Community Fund which will cover half the cost of new chairs for downstairs in the theatre, and the floor will be replaced later this year as part of the ongoing heating project. We would like to add to this by raising funds to upgrade and redecorate the theatre as much as possible, including the seating in the balcony, lighting and sound.

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School Fund Donation 2018 : Please return this slip to Mrs Heasman in the Finance Office, and write your child's name on it if you so wish. We hope that parents feel able to make a donation towards one of our projects or for general support of the work of the school.

I would like to donate (via ParentPay): £12 / any other amount of £ _____ (*please indicate amount*) for the Theatre project / Fitness Suite project / General Fund.

Name of son/daughter: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like your donation to be treated as Gift Aid, please tick this box and provide the following details:

Title: _____ First Name/Initial: _____ Surname: _____

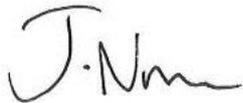
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The second project is linked to some government funding the school has been successful in bidding for, which will enable the refurbishment of the sports hall. The funds only cover the fabric of the building and not the contents, so we will have a refurbished fitness suite, but would have to reinstall the old 1970's equipment, which is clearly not ideal. We would therefore appreciate any donations to help fund new fitness equipment, which we anticipate will cost in the region of £80,000 - £100,000. The Backwell School Association (BSA) are also looking to support us with this project.

If you feel able to support us financially with one of these projects, or if you would prefer to make a general donation to support the school, you will find links on your ParentPay account. If you are a UK taxpayer then your donation could be worth more to the school; we can claim 25p of tax for every £1 donated. **Please complete the tear off slip so that we can claim the tax relief back for the benefit of the school.**

Thank you for your continued support for the school and our students.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Nunes', written in a cursive style.

Jon Nunes
Headteacher