

25 September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

As you will be aware, all schools are struggling with the present levels of funding and the continued austerity measures are having a significant impact on school budgets. Funding per student is cash flat, meaning we receive no inflationary increase. This means the school has to absorb any cost increases by generating savings which has a significant impact on the running of the school.

In light of the funding issues, we are working on generating income in as many areas as possible and one of these is to request parental contributions to help pay for enrichment resources and activities, for example: cookery ingredients; we would, however, continue to ask for separate contributions towards expensive enrichment visits, such as Thorpe Park, etc. This money will be vital in protecting the education we deliver as it will protect subject budgets so that lessons have sufficient resources to meet the needs of our students.

For each family, the school is asking for a voluntary annual donation of £120. This can be paid either as a one off annual payment or through regular instalments, e.g. £10 per month or a weekly payment, etc. to suit you via our online payment system. However, this is only a suggestion and should you feel able to donate more, then you would not be limited to this amount, and equally, we will be grateful for whatever help you are able to give us.

Whilst we will not be recording payments against students' names, we are asking that you complete the form below to acknowledge receipt of this letter. We will chase the return of the form, but not money, in order to ensure that all parents have received and read this letter.

We would also ask if you, as parents, could investigate whether your employer has funds available to support schools and would be grateful for any information in relation to this.

Our priority is the education of the children and, with your help, we will continue to maintain our high standards.

Yours sincerely



Joolz Scarlett
Headteacher

REPLY SLIP: To Joolz Scarlett

Parental contributions

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 25 September 2018 concerning parental contributions.

Signed:

Print name:

Student's Name:

Class: Date: