

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to the 19 families who took the time to respond to our recent funding survey. The finance committee discussed the results of the survey at their last meeting and we would like to provide the families of St Francis with a summary.

### **Overall Feedback**

- The results were generally positive with the majority of families indicating that they had **some** knowledge and understanding of all the funds, the purpose and the spending.
- It was clear from the survey that families wanted **improved communication** regarding all these funds, particularly the sports fund , as well as **regular updates** for each of the funds to keep everyone informed.

The majority of information regarding the Pupil Premium, Governor and Sports Fund is on the school website, but for several months parents have not had any access and therefore there has been a period of time where families have not received any information regarding each fund and for this we apologise.

We now have a new school website, ([www.stfrancisprimary.org](http://www.stfrancisprimary.org) ) where you can access information for the Governor fund, Pupil Premium and the Sports Fund. There is also an explanation of the Diocesan Schools Building Fund, which was taken directly from the Diocese of Portsmouth website.

- Suggestions were also made that funding should have a section in the regular weekly newsletter.

Mrs Gow is more than happy for the newsletter to inform parents of any general updates regarding the funding, though the Governing Body will continue to use the school website as the main form of communication to parents.

### **Pupil Premium**

- 68% of families had some or good understanding of Pupil Premium Fund.

Details for the pupil premium fund are available on the school website. If you feel your child is eligible for this funding please contact the school office and Mrs Gow.

### **Governor Fund**

- 79% of families said they had received information regarding the fund in the last year.
- 70% had an understanding of how the funds are spent.

The governors will provide a newsletter, at the end of the summer term, to inform all our families about spending for the last academic year. Anyone making a voluntary contribution to the fund will understand how valuable and worthwhile their contributions are and how this fund supports and benefits the children.

### Friends of St Francis

- 100% of families said they understood the purpose of the fundraising events.
- 100% of families said they were involved in fund raising.
- 85% said they had a good understanding of how the funds are spent.

Thank you to all the families involved with the extremely hard work of fundraising and to all those who support the various fundraising events and activities.

### Sports Premium

- 37% of families had some understanding of the funding.
- 42% had an understanding of how the funding is spent.

We do hope that the recent celebration of sporting achievement throughout the school has given some families a better understanding of how the extra funding has developed and supported sporting success.

The survey has given the Governing Body a clear understanding of how we need to improve communication, provide further detail and review accessibility to information. Thank you for your continued support.

The Finance Committee