



Teddington School

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Dear Parents, Teachers, Alumni and Friends

Making a Difference

You may have heard and seen that schools across the country continue to face a growing struggle to finance the education they want to give our children. Teddington School is no different. Funding has been cut, but pupil numbers remain the same and the costs of running the school do not fall, so we are asking for your help.

Teddington School will become part of the Bourne Education Trust from September 2019. This will mean the school will be able to work with the other schools in the Bourne Education Trust to get greater economies of scale and will have access to a capital fund that is not available to it as a stand-alone academy.

However, we believe this is still not enough to give your children the best educational experience we can.

We are therefore asking you, and all our families, to contribute to school funds, if you are able to do so, by making a donation via our established covenant scheme run by the PTA. Regular donations make a significant difference to our services, whether large or small. Your contribution will help us to maintain a broad and varied experience for our young people and protect our comprehensive programme of opportunities including sports, science, music and performing arts. During 2019-2020 we would like to significantly upgrade our IT facilities and would like to put all contributions towards this.

The covenant scheme has run for many years and helped provide some of the facilities your children use today. I would personally like to thank those of you who already contribute; I see every day the difference it makes.

Due to BT's decision to close myDonate from 30 June, we have moved our fundraising platform to KindLink. KindLink is free for the PTA as a charity, only passing on the fees the banks charge them. Please go to <https://donate.kindlink.com/teddington-school-pta/1551> to access the on-line form for Kindlink. Just fill in the form and the PTA will do the rest.

Your donation can achieve even more at no extra cost to you by completing the Gift Aid section of the donation form, if you are able. After that, the PTA will do all the work to claim it back from the government. This will allow us to increase the value of donations by 25%. Please note that if you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can claim the additional tax relief due to you on your Self-Assessment tax return or by asking HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

To enable us to process everything and to incorporate this income stream into the funding for the new school year, it would be greatly appreciated if you could set your donation up by the beginning of the new term.

Finally, Can I extend my gratitude in advance for your generosity. Together we will ensure Teddington School offers the very best education to all students.

Yours sincerely

Kathy Pacey
Headteacher

