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Dear Families

At Teddington School we pride ourselves on enriching our wider curriculum provision and we are confident that our talented staff provide students with a wealth of opportunities.

However government funding has decreased over the last three years and will continue to decrease in real terms in the foreseeable future. As a secondary school in an affluent area we have been particularly affected by changes in funding. We are looking very closely at our budget to ensure we are financially stable and we continue to be prudent in our financial resources, but the cuts inevitably put a strain on school finances.

Since we have made parents and carers aware of the funding problems, many have generously suggested that they would like to contribute financially to the school. It is this generosity which has encouraged me to set up the charitable Teddington School Parents Fund. This fund would only be used for non-staff costs and always used for supporting and enriching students' educational experience. The fund will be separate from the funds raised by the Teddington School Parent Teacher Association. May I take this opportunity therefore, to ask you as parents and carers if you would consider marking your child's education with a donation to the Teddington School Parents Fund.

I am aware that not all parents are able to contribute and I must stress that donations are entirely voluntary. However, if you would like to make a donation to your child's education with us, this would create an invaluable financial reserve, helping us deliver the best education possible to your child and all students across the school.

You can make contributions on a monthly or annual basis, either by cheque, standing order, or cash. Please print, complete and return the attached donation form to the School Office.

Alternatively, the PTA have arranged an easy solution for those of you who operate on line. Please go to <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/teddingtonschoolpta> to access the on-line form for MyDonate. Just fill in the form and the PTA will do the rest. Don't worry about Gift Aid, the PTA will be in touch to claim it back from the government.

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. 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.



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 faithfully

Ms K Pacey