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Dear Parents/Carers

For a number of parents of children in year Yr 6, these are the last few weeks of direct involvement with Honeywell as their children move on to secondary schools. Several of these parents have enquired about making a donation to the school and I have included the Gift Aid forms for making a financial contribution to the school. I have done this as I believe that the school is a truly special place which offers an outstanding education to its pupils and I would hate to see this provision diluted.

Honeywell Junior School is a very successful school and I am aware that many people consider it to be equally well-funded. In fact, Honeywell Junior School is one of the worst funded schools (based on income per pupil) in Wandsworth. The school and the Governing Body have discussed funding and expenditure options in great depth this year and we have implemented a number of changes and are continuing to explore more options. However, the income and expenditure situation within education and, specifically at Honeywell, is volatile and so we are asking parents to make a voluntary donation to help ease the funding difficulties

The school has taken the difficult decision to ask parents and carers for a voluntary financial contribution to the school; ideally using the Gift Aid scheme, as your child will leave Year 6. (This facility has in fact been available at Honeywell for some years but has lapsed recently.)

I must stress that this is an absolutely voluntary contribution. There is no compulsion to contribute whatsoever: many parents already contribute so much and we are extremely grateful for the money that the PTFA raises and also for the time and support that you give to the school. However, we are facing challenging times in education and I would ask you to consider this request favourably.

If you would like to make a contribution the Gift Aid forms are included. Please can you indicate on the form that this donation is part of the Yr 6 leavers funding initiative as this will help us plan for future years.

<http://www.honeywellschools.org/Supporting-my-childs-learning>

Yours

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