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Dear Parent/Carer,

King's School Fund

In line with a number of other schools locally and across our Trust, we have set up a school fund where parents/carers and members of our community can donate to support the school and enhance our students' educational experiences. It never seems to be the right time to launch a fund, but we have received donations from parents in the last few months and therefore have decided to launch the fund this term.

Purpose of the fund

The school fund will allow parents/carers and members of the community to make short or long term financial donations to the school, which in turn will help us to continue to provide the high quality education and resources we seek to offer.

In the immediate, the fund will help to cover the cost of some of the changes to school's practice and procedures we have made to keep students and staff safe during this pandemic. Measures we have put in place to ensure we are compliant with national advice and to maximise protection from virus transmission in school include:

- an enhanced cleaning regime, with additional cleaners on site, and more frequent cleaning of toilets and touch points throughout the day;
- all classrooms, shared spaces, and offices have hygiene stations which include hand sanitiser, disinfectant, tissues, blue roll, wipes and lidded bins;
- all students are required to sanitise their hands on entry to site, as they enter classrooms, and regularly throughout the day. Hand sanitisers have been installed in key points around the school to facilitate this;
- all students are required to wear face masks in communal areas; we have purchased a significant number of disposable masks to issue to students who don't have masks during the day.

This has involved unprecedented expense for the school, which must be covered using our usual school budget- no additional funding from the Department for Education is available to cover much of the necessary precautions listed above.

As well as helping the school cover the cost of our COVID response, donations will be used to enrich our students' school experience and ensure they have access to high quality resources. Likely uses include purchasing additional textbooks and materials not covered by usual school budgets, as well as longer term projects such as continuing to develop our school library.

How you can help

Ensuring your child has basic equipment

Firstly, please can we ask all families to ensure that their child has the basic COVID 19 protective equipment with them each day. Please:

- ensure your child/children come(s) to school with a face mask; two face masks are required if they are using public transport;
- ensure your child has their own portable bottle of hand sanitiser.

These measures will help us to spend less on consumables and particularly on single use masks, which are expensive and environmentally unfriendly.

In addition, ensuring that your child has the basic equipment needed for school (pens, pencils, glue sticks etc.) will further support us in reducing our spend on these incidental items.

Financial contributions

It has not been an easy decision to request financial support as we know this will not be possible for some families and because as a parent body you support King's in so many other ways for which we are very grateful. Please feel no pressure to contribute to the school financially, but we are making the option available for those who wish to do so.

Suggested single donations are between £10 and £100, but families who wish to donate a smaller or larger amount are welcome to do so. Suggested regular donations are between £5 and £20 per month, but again if you are able to give less, or to give more, we would be grateful for any support you can provide. Please be assured also that any regular donations are completely under your control and can be cancelled at any time.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, the most efficient way is via Just Giving <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/kings-school-fund>.

If you would like to help in a different way, we are still accepting resource donations through our Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1QAS8E7UXHIIR?ref=wl_share). If you can buy a book that will help to enhance the school's resources, expanding the provision we can offer our students.

We also remain very grateful for the prayer support we receive from parents and carers daily.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for the school during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Price
Headteacher