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Dear Parent/Guardian

SCHOOL FUND

I am writing to ask for your support by contributing towards School Fund. This is an annual appeal, which provides considerable benefits to the children of the school, which cannot be met ordinarily from Government or Council funding.

We would like to request a £20 donation per pupil or £25 per family. This money does impact across all the school. The Trustees meet every year and decide how best to use the funds for the benefit of all pupils.

In previous year's these contributions have been used to enhance the social areas for students in order to provide calm environments where they can relax during break times. Such quiet areas can be of an enormous benefit to students. We would like to use next year's contributions to further enhance these areas.

As you may recall, the Light Hall School Trust, which processes the School Fund, has been set up as a registered charity. By processing donations through the Trust we are eligible for Gift Aid where the parent is an income tax payer and has completed a Gift Aid declaration. Basic rate tax is 20 per cent, so this means that if you give £10 using Gift Aid, it's worth £12.50 to the charity. In the last financial year we received tax refunds of over £700. Clearly, with 1225 pupils at the school we have the potential to receive considerably more in tax refunds if more parents subscribed to the Gift Aid scheme.

As a school, we would be extremely grateful for your support and would respectfully urge you to complete the Gift Aid declaration if you are a taxpayer. If you have any queries regarding the scheme or require further clarification please call the school directly.

Payments can be made using Parent Pay, using the same process as for school lunches, trips etc. Any queries please do not hesitate to contact our finance manager – Mrs Smith.

Many thanks in anticipation of your response.

Yours sincerely



Associate Head Teacher

















