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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Headteacher Mrs B Rai

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Dear parents and carers,

Many of you whose children have been with us since their time in Nursery and Reception will remember that we have an Early Years Fund that gratefully accepts donations from families to help the school manage its budget.

The school's financial forecast for the next three years suggests that if we maintain our current trajectory of expenditure, our reserves will be exhausted. This will only improve if the government significantly reduces inflation (lowering costs in energy etc) and decides to fund current and future pay rises. If this does not happen, we will be unable to continue our wider core curriculum that sets us apart from many schools.

To maintain and build on our provision, we have decided, with the support from the governing body, to extend the request for contributions to our School Fund to all year groups. We ask parents, if they can, to contribute *voluntarily* to the school's funding. We will use school funds raised directly from parents to pay for classroom and curriculum resources as well as to support the maintenance and improvement of the school premises. We are sensitive to the pressures on families in these challenging financial times and respect that a contribution might not be currently possible for all of you. If you have the means to do so, you can contribute to the fund by either;

1. Setting up a regular monthly Standing Order. A suggested amount would be £5.00 a month, but it really is dependent on what you can afford. You can set up a Standing Order (weekly or monthly) via online banking using our bank details set out below;
NatWest Bank plc
Account name – Highwood Primary School
Sort Code – 60 10 39
Account number – 18407587
2. Donating to the school fund via the School Gateway app in the same way as you contribute to school trips and events, either monthly, half termly, termly or whenever you remember! The option will be available on the app permanently.

Please remember that you must feel able to contribute at your own discretion; there is absolutely no judgement or expectation from the school. More or less than the amount suggested above is so gratefully received, either through regular payments, standing orders, or as a one-off payments every now and then through the app.

The consistency and generosity of regular contributions from parents and carers is vital to the success of Highwood so we thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,

Bindu Rai
Headteacher

