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Dear Parents/Carers

It's that time of year again when we want to thank you and remind you about the school fund. We are incredibly grateful that a large number of parents and carers support the school with monthly or annual contributions.

Parental contributions have once again raised over £20,000 for our school. Your generosity makes a tremendous difference to both the quality of education and the learning environment for our students. We have been able to upgrade our IT equipment, enhance the pond area, replace classroom carpets, and add more benches to the playground. Thanks for your support.

This year, we are continuing to save towards the toilet refurbishment programme. We also hope to provide further upgrades to our IT equipment and install more shelters on the playground. It is impossible to do this without your support, and we hope these changes will make a real difference to the students' experience.

School finances are always a challenge as we strive to balance the books whilst delivering the best education possible. We are very proud of our students and the success they achieve. These are standards that we are committed to maintaining, and we appreciate your support.

For each family, the school is asking for a voluntary £60 annual donation. This can be paid either as a one-off annual payment or through a monthly direct debit of £5. If you already have a direct debit set up, this will continue to run as normal. Of course, should you feel able to donate more, then you would not be limited to this amount, and, equally, we will be grateful for whatever help you can give us. We understand that some of our families have had an extremely difficult year. Inflation and interest rates make household finances incredibly tight, and this sort of request may be out of the question.

We want to make donations as easy as possible, so we have created an Edgbarrow JustGiving fundraising page. A link to this page is also on our website. You can choose to donate through a one-off payment or set a monthly donation. We would be very grateful if you could also tick the relevant box to add Gift Aid. Money can also be donated through the Tucasi online payment system, but we are unable to claim Gift Aid. Our thanks to those who are already signed up for the monthly donation; it really does make a difference!

We would also ask if you could investigate whether your employer has funds available to support schools and would be grateful for any information, particularly around match funding.

Once again, thank you for contributing to the school fund. Your support is always appreciated, and I hope you can see the difference it makes to the students' education.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Matthews
Headteacher