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Dear Parents,

Investing in your child's future

I'm sure most of you will be aware of the increasing funding difficulties schools are facing.

For some years the funding provided to schools has been held at a fixed level while at the same time our costs have been growing. We are affected, as everyone is, by the usual inflationary cost increases. We spend over 80% of our budget on salaries to retain our outstanding staff and thereby maintain the quality of your child's education. We must, therefore, continually tighten our belt (which we do) but we are now finding it very difficult to pay for any of the "extras" (or, as some might see it, basics such as books), that add considerably to the richness and variety of our pupils' school and learning experience.

I know many of you will be faced with similar problems personally, but I, supported by the governors, feel that we need to do what we can to help all our pupils get the best start in life and allow them to get the most from their time at the Raleigh School. We are therefore inviting you, as parents or carers, to make a financial contribution in each year that your child is at the Raleigh School to **The Raleigh School Trust**. I should emphasise that this contribution is entirely voluntary and there is no set amount to be paid. However, as a guide, I would ask for £5 per calendar month. Per week, this is a fraction of the cost of a cup of coffee from your favourite outlet, but you can pay more or less if you wish. If you would like to donate via a regular monthly Standing Order, for example, then this would of course be gratefully received.

How we will use The Raleigh School Trust

As a charitable trust, The Raleigh School Trust is a way that you, as parents or carers, can help enrich the lives of all pupils and do so in a tax-efficient way. We will use the money to improve the facilities available to our pupils and by buying extras that the school is not otherwise able to fund. Examples of real things we would like to do now that we just can't afford are:

- A new boiler (as ours is elderly, inefficient and could mean a closure to the school if it were to breakdown in cold weather);
- Repair a leaking roof above one of the classrooms;
- Replace metal framed windows;
- Replace all 34 PCs in the IT suite which are now overdue an update;
- Smart Interactive Screens for every classroom (which the FoTR are keen to support);
- Class sets of iPads;
- New classroom furniture;
- Fresh books to inspire the children to read;
- More musical instruments in the PAC.

If 150 families give £60 per annum we could raise £11,250 (with Gift Aid) to replace the 34 PCs in the IT Suite.

If 200 families gave £10 per month we could raise £30,000 (with Gift Aid) that would mean we could afford to replace the School's Boiler.

If 300 families gave £10 per month we could raise £45,000 (with Gift Aid).

Donating is simple

- The easiest way to donate is through your bank account by setting up a standing order (see mandate enclosed).
- If you would like to pay by cheque, please make it payable to The Raleigh School Trust and return it in the enclosed envelope.
- We have charitable status so taxpayers can make donations using the Gift Aid scheme. If you are a UK tax payer, please complete the enclosed Gift Aid Declaration. This will allow us to claim an additional 25p for each £1 donated. This will not cost you anything extra (indeed, higher and additional rate taxpayers can claim a tax reduction) and applies to payments made either by cheque or standing order.

Please return the completed form(s) to The Raleigh School Office.

I know many parents and carers already give generously and support the school in many ways and I am sorry to have to ask you for more. We want the best for our children, and we know you do too, so hope you will understand the situation we face.

Thank you on behalf of all the pupils and staff at The Raleigh School.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona O'Neill
Headteacher



GIFT AID Declaration

Please treat as gift donations all qualifying gifts of money made to The Raleigh School Trust.

- Today
- In the Future

Please tick all the boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of UK income tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCS) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not apply. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give from 1 April 2018.

DONOR FULL NAME _____

FULL HOME ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Please notify the Raleigh School Trust should you wish to:

- **Cancel this declaration**
- **Change your name or home address**
- **No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or Capital Gains**

If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all gift donations on your self-assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

Pupil Name/s _____

- I wish to contribute £_____ Per Month/Per Annum to The Raleigh School Trust and have completed the Gift aid and Payment Forms.
- I wish to donate £_____ Per month/Per Annum to The Raleigh School Trust (Not gift Aid) and have completed the payment forms.

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To:	The Manager
Bank name: Bank address:	
Please pay:	Lloyds Bank plc PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT
For the credit of:	The Raleigh School Trust
	Account Number 17607368 Sort Code 30-98-90
The sum of (in numbers and words):	£
Commencing on the day of in the year and thereafter every month until further notice and debit my account accordingly:-	
Account name to be debited:	
Account number:	
Sort code:	

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This Standing Order Mandate supersedes all previous standing orders to The Raleigh School Trust.