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Dear Parent/Carer

School Fund Contributions

We hope that your daughter has made a good start to the new academic year at Kendrick School.

Thank you if you have already given to the School Fund this year and in previous years. We are very grateful and rely on your contributions to provide additional facilities and educational resources.

As you know, all public institutions face budgetary pressures and the need to 'do more for less'. At Kendrick School we have managed to balance our budget through controlling costs, improving efficiency and expanding the Sixth Form to attract more revenue funding. Despite these efforts the challenges remain and will grow over coming years whilst your daughter progresses at Kendrick.

Therefore we are asking for your support to make sure the school can continue to provide the richest educational experience in the best environment possible.

A key aim of the governors' and the school's long term development plan is to **double the income of voluntary donations to the School Fund**. This will allow us to develop the IT infrastructure and equipment needed for students, refurbish and renovate teaching and study areas and develop and expand the social and canteen areas.

This year, we will use school fund donations to bridge the funding gap for the refurbishment of the Science Laboratories. We have secured £90,000 of the £120,000 required to refurbish the two main Chemistry Labs and the school fund will enable us to equip the labs. For example your School Fund donation of £250 will help provide a fully equipped bench space in one of the laboratories.

If you have not yet made your School Fund donation then please use this opportunity to support your daughter and Kendrick School. Attached / enclosed are donation and Gift Aid forms for your convenience.

We will be holding an **Information Evening on 26th November at 7.00pm** in the School Library for you to find out more about the challenges and how you may help champion the school's cause. You are invited to attend and we look forward to you contacting us at parentchampion@kendrick.reading.sch.uk.

Thank you again in anticipation of your continued support this year, and in the coming years for Kendrick School. Together we can make a difference!

With our thanks and appreciation.

Yours sincerely

Christine Kattirtzi
Headteacher

Jeremy Chadwick
Vice- Chair of Resources Committee and Parent Governor

Appendix 1

Regular and on-going activities purchased by School Fund to enhance the students' experience and learning opportunities at Kendrick School.

- The School minibus and the payment of transport costs, enabling students to use external sporting facilities and attend Away matches
- Counselling services to support the students through challenging and emotional difficulties
- Student subsidies for educational trips and resources - ensuring the curriculum has breadth, depth and richness in content and teaching style.
- Sports Opportunities –extending the range of sports participation by providing lacrosse, football and cricket.
- Extra- curricular activity resources – after school clubs and activities are well resourced and students extend their enjoyment of school life and community by developing new skills and new friendships.
- Music facilities including assistance from professional musicians and the provision of high quality instruments at concerts and performances.

School Fund also subsidises capital projects to enhance the facilities and fulfil the development needs of the school. Recently the following has been achieved:

- Display cabinets to showcase students' work and highlight the students' contribution to the learning environment.
- House reward system –building of recess and tokens to promote House competition.
- Increasing the number of sixth form study areas in the Library and around the school e.g. ICT5
- PE and sports facilities improvements –resurfacing of tennis courts, painting of changing rooms, improvements to Sports Hall flooring, installation of audio system in Sports Hall, decoration of gym
- Honour Boards to highlight the Head Girl Team and their contributions to the school community.
- Improvements to the canteen and servery areas for easier access and throughput of students and promotion healthy eating and sociability.
- Computers and IT equipment - to provide students with the curriculum resources needed for independent study and research.

Typical School Fund Expenditure Chart based on 2014/15 expenditure

