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RE: Regular or one-off donations to FoG

Dear Parents/Carers,

You are aware from my newsletter last term, that for the first time in my 19 years as Headteacher at Gillespie School, the school is in a deficit budget which means the school has less money for essentials, let alone the "nice to have" activities that FoG has traditionally funded and that help to make Gillespie the brilliant and special school that it is.

This term I have met with members of the parent community and governors and we have set up a new foundation which will support the work of the PTA with the aim of raising additional funds for the school. Early next term I will be updating you on the work we have done to set up our new foundation and plans to raise money for the school. I will be setting up a public meeting with all parents to introduce the members of the new foundation team who include Gillespie parents to explain how the foundation will work, identifying specific areas that we are raising funds for and what your money will be spent on. These will be explicitly communicated regularly to the parent community.

In the meantime, I have been approached by many parents, as has Friends of Gillespie our PTA, about making individual donations to the school. We know that many parents who have limited time to volunteer to support the PTA run school events, have expressed an interest in being able to directly donate. We are sending this letter out today to provide more information about this for those parents who are keen to make a financial contribution. *There is no obligation or expectation on any parents to do this but I am responding to parents who are keen to help the school in this way.*

If you do feel able to **donate regularly or as a one-off** [click here](#), or use the QR code on the FoG noticeboard as you enter the playground. And if, as you donate, you tick the box, to say you are happy to be contacted, FoG can keep you regularly updated on how your donation is being used.

Any and every donation, be it monetary or in time, is hugely valued and never taken for granted.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Owen Headteacher and Team FoG



Associate School

