



# Dore Primary School

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Dear Parent,

Last year, following suggestions made by parents on the GB and the SCT we requested a standard contribution from parents towards the school fund at the beginning of the year in order to stop asking for small amounts of money to fund extra events which enrich both the curriculum and your child's experience. These opportunities and first hand experiences often bring a subject alive and quickly increase the understanding of the children, inspiring them and building lasting memories of the enjoyment of learning.

The types of activities included theatre visits, actors, story-tellers, musicians, dance, puppets, cookery/healthy eating demonstrations, zoolab, museum presentations alongside busfares, ingredients for cooking and other basic provisions to support an enriching activity.

There are many benefits

- An enriched curriculum and experience
- Additional opportunities that would otherwise be unaffordable
- Less fuss for parents in finding small amounts
- Less admin for office staff collecting and banking smaller amounts
- A 'budget' which allows us to plan ahead selecting the best additions for your children
- Removing the chance that parent and children do not remember to pay the smaller amounts as they are 'up front' and a one off payment.

We were very appreciative of the 68% of parents who contributed last year allowing us to build in exciting additions and opportunities for ALL the children. The GB has made the decision that unlike last year we will not subsidise any of the 'trips' this year and therefore we have reduced the voluntary donation to £10 per child (from £15). The majority of parents appreciated being able to make the one-off payment. We have also responded to feedback and decided to collect the £10 per child in October after the very start of the school year which can be very expensive.

We very much hope that more parents will be able to contribute to the 'school fund pot' this year so that we may plan a **full year** of the additional opportunities – there were activities last year in the summer that we were not able to put on. The school contributes from the Pupil Premium for every child who is registered for free school meals. This was included in the 68% who did contribute last year.

We would much appreciate a voluntary donation towards the school fund pot of £10 per



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child by the 8<sup>th</sup> November if possible. You may be able to pay £5 now and £5 at February half-term, especially if you have several children in school. This would be fine.

Some parents last year asked to be able to give for individual events but this is not possible as the admin around this detracts from other work going on in school.

We have already hosted theatre for Y5/6 this term and have provisionally booked theatre for Y3/4 and Infant Children. Staff are busy planning in enrichment activities in the expectation that the 'school fund pot' is now up and running.

Many thanks for your thoughtful consideration of this request.

Warm regards

Sue Hopkinson  
Headteacher

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## SCHOOL FUND POT 2013-2014

My child / children.....

Class / es .....

I enclose the voluntary contribution of £10 per child to the school fund pot for the whole year 2013-2014.

I am unable to contribute the full amount at present and enclose £5 for the first half of the year.

Signed .....



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