

18th July 2022

Re: Regular donations sought for Tetherdown School Fund

Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to ask for your support in continuing to make a difference for all of our children at Tetherdown.

Many of you will be acutely aware of the current financial situation schools around the country are facing. Indeed, worldwide issues are affecting all of our daily lives. You may also be aware that Tetherdown is the lowest funded Local Authority Maintained School in Haringey. You may have seen our plight in a recent ITN '5 News' article shown during half term involving some of our Year 4 pupils: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=OsJ8BRABk8s>. We therefore rely heavily on funds raised by Friends of Tetherdown (our Parent Staff Association) to supplement the school's budget and continue to explore ways that your valuable donations can make a difference for all of our children at Tetherdown. This is why your support is so crucial.

In recent years the school has asked parents to donate on a monthly basis via standing order to the Building Maintenance Fund. Before covid this was a successful way of generating much needed income to help with premises costs; maintaining a welcome learning environment that is fit for purpose. During covid the Friends of Tetherdown set up a complementary fund so that parents could continue to make donations to the school "from a distance", whilst community based activities were limited.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to date as the money raised from these funds has been fundamental in the school's development. Some examples include, the successful implementation of our new IT strategy, incorporating a completely new infrastructure and updated IT equipment. Also, we were able to update the school's security system (including CCTV), replace old border fencing adjacent to Tree House School, fit replacement windows in some of the oldest parts of the school and maintain the school kitchen and its equipment. Following the success of these developments, we have now decided to streamline and make the process to support the school much easier by replacing both of these funds with one new 'Tetherdown School Fund'.

We are doing great things at Tetherdown, but we want to give your children even more and we want to provide the best learning experiences for your child during their formative primary years. We have a wonderfully happy school filled with children with so much potential; we just need the funds to be able to do this. It's your child's future, it's your school and your community.

Your kind donations will be managed by the school with the support of the governors, and we will report to parents what has been achieved with the money raised on a regular basis. As parents and carers at the school, your input is extremely valuable so there will also be opportunities for you to vote on some projects. This approach will lead to some amazing developments across the school and make a huge difference to what we can offer our children without the challenge of having to manage two separate funds.

We anticipate needing to raise £180,000 each year which would equate to a regular donation of £50 per month to be able to do the following:

- Refurbish the children's bathrooms
- Enhance the playground with large apparatus areas providing inspirational learning and enjoyment
- Decorate and recarpet all the classrooms
- Recruit our own school counsellor
- Pay for more children to have swimming lessons
- Provide every junior aged child with a laptop or device
- Replace the broken sound and lighting system in the hall

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- Replace all classroom furniture
- Replace all fluorescent lighting for a more sustainable option
- Replace all the old single pane windows (fitted in 1910) for double glazed units
- Convert the music room and IT suite into a performing arts space
- Provide appropriate storage for scooters AND bikes
- Replace all the C-Touch electronic teaching devices in every classroom and future-proof the IT infrastructure for the next three years.

We appreciate that this is a lot for some families. By donating £10 per month, we could still raise £36,000 and be able to:

- Replace out-of-date learning resources
- Replace small items of playground equipment
- Pay for a creative Arts workshop for the whole school
- Pay for the annual maintenance of the gardens and grounds

Our first priority would be to refurbish the children's bathrooms to make them more welcoming and user friendly along with our intention to replace the worn-out floor coverings and carpets around the school.

With the emphasis on regular automated donations made by parents, the Friends of Tetherdown will be able to devote their valuable time and energy to bringing our community together through a whole variety of fun activities helping to build long lasting, meaningful relationships across the school. Fundraising will focus on specific projects from above, at each event so it will be really important to get involved as much as you can. As a charitable status, the Friends of Tetherdown will continue to explore additional grant funding, for example, through Gift Aid and Match Funding; strategies currently in place enabling us to make your donations go even further.

A regular monthly contribution really helps us as we can plan ahead but if you are unable to commit to this, we would really appreciate one off donations to the fund when you are able.

If you have already set up a Direct Debit donation via the Friends of Tetherdown using the GoCardless site we are pleased to advise that you do not have to complete any further paperwork. We are working in partnership with the Friends of Tetherdown to transfer your donations to the School's designated fund account. When this is complete GoCardless will inform you of the change of details.

Please click one of the links below to set up of your monthly Direct Debit donation:

To donate £10 <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0005FRSMZDQE>

To donate £30 <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0005FRSPJJ90>

To donate £50 <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0005FRSRPGFC>

One-off donations can be made via your bank to the school:

Name on Account: Tetherdown Primary School – Fund

Account Number: 27123063

Sort Code: 30-99-86

Reference TPS Donation

We can only do this with the support of our incredible parent community and that's why we're taking this fresh approach.

We very much look forward to your continuing support.

Yours sincerely



Tony Woodward
Headteacher

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