



The Weald of Kent Enrichment and Development Fund

Dear Parents and Carers

Date :

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As a school, we aspire to provide the best possible education; one that supports and develops independent and inquisitive students, who enjoy, achieve, belong and are exceptionally well prepared for life.

As you will no doubt be aware, funding for schools from government has been under pressure for a number of years now and as a school we try and keep costs to a minimum. As a result, more and more schools are now looking to additional sources of income. The reality is that we are not a wealthy school and we now need to look to the generosity of parents/carers, alumni and the wider community in order to help continue to develop our educational offer and one that rivals the very best state-funded schools.

We are pleased to inform you of the Weald of Kent Enrichment and Development School Fund, established to enable parents/carers to voluntarily support the school and have a direct impact on the learning opportunities that we offer our students. The fund will be used in a variety of ways to make a real difference to the students' educational experience that current government funding does not cover.

The Weald Enrichment and Development fund will be used to focus on two areas:

Broadening and enriching our Co-Curricular offer

For example:

- Helping to fund coaches and additional lunchtime/after school clubs
- Supporting the Arts e.g. School productions, concerts
- Enriching the academic curriculum e.g. competitions, visiting speakers

Specific capital projects driving long term facility improvement

For example:

- Enhancing classrooms with digital resources
- Additional software packages for departments e.g. Carousel learning and MyMaths
- Provide new buildings or refurbishment of new buildings

We therefore ask you to help your child and the school by donating to this fund. It is a voluntary contribution but we are grateful for any and every donation. **As a guide, we are suggesting a monthly donation of £30, but we welcome any contributions no matter how large or small.**



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Initially, our current development priorities include:

- Provision of 70 touch screen interactive white boards in classrooms – £90,000
- Provision of a visualiser for every classroom (a camera that allows teachers to display on the whiteboard in real time for interactive lessons and learning) – £8,000
- Provision of Carousel Learning – a software that has been developed to improve students' outcomes via knowledge retrieval practice, strengthen long term memory as well as promoting independent learning – £15,000
- Supporting the purchase of replacement PCs in order to upgrade to Windows 11 – £150,000



If every family donated £30 a month then we could transform all of our classrooms in just 2 years!

It is important that parents/carers understand that there is no obligation to make donations and we understand that families may also be facing financial challenges. Any amount is welcome and no student will be treated differently should their family choose not to contribute.

How to get involved

Parents/ Carers wishing to set up regular giving or make a one-off donation can do so in several ways:

Online via the donation page on our school website at [Support us](#)

Through a regular donation via the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) platform on our school website. This allows users to set up regular (or one-off) donations using Direct Debit, a CAF account, a Card payment or a PayPal payment.



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Donations made via the online 'CAF' platform enable the school to automatically benefit from an additional 25% on donations (made from appropriate UK tax payers) without having to manually process the Gift Aid claim from UK Gov separately. This can be accessed via the following QR code or from our [website](#):



ParentPay

Parents/Carers can also login into their ParentPay account [HERE](#) and select 'Enrichment and Development' fund.

Other ways you can support the school

We are very lucky to have a proactive PTA who do a huge amount to support the school, including raising funds. Any offer of help is always welcome so if you wish to support our PTA then please contact PTA@wealdgs.org

Alternatively, if you wish to get in touch with fundraising ideas or to let us know how we can further develop this work then please contact the school on donations@wealdgs.org

Thank you in advance for any support that you can provide.

Yours faithfully

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