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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Voluntary Contributions to School Fund - 2024-2025 Academic Year**

We hope that all the children have now settled happily into this new school year.

We are so proud of St. Paul's Church of England Primary School and the progress we are continuing to make each year. We strive to create the best possible learning environment for our children and would like to invite parents to make a voluntary contribution to the School Fund.

This vital fund supports our work in many ways. It will enable us to provide an education for the children which goes beyond the core curriculum and provides your child with additional opportunities. Our School Fund will be used for the things that we would not otherwise be able to afford – this year we hope to fund workshops for the children to enjoy, to purchase resources for school, especially ICT. Local trips, theme days and extra-curricular activities form part of the enriched curriculum which brings the children's learning to life and experiences that the children would not normally enjoy.

As you are no doubt aware, school budgets are being increasingly squeezed. For schools like ours the financial pressure is heightened – being a school which is not in a government-identified deprived area means that we receive over £500 less per child per year in government funding, than the national average for primary schools.

I cannot emphasise strongly enough, how important such donations are to the school, allowing us to continue on our journey to Outstanding. On behalf of all the staff and the governors I would be so grateful if you would make either a one off, monthly or termly donation. Payment can be made via the School Gateway app, under the payment 'School Fund 2024-2025', or by sending in your donation in a named, sealed envelope to the School Office.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr. Ben Hulme**  
**Executive Headteacher**