



3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you as the school governors about a growing issue with the funding of school activities, such as swimming lessons, school trips, discos and our parent and child dinners.

These activities are a really important part of school life. They help children learn in different ways, build confidence and make happy memories. However, there is not sufficient funding to be able to cover the cost of these activities from the school's main budget which is why the school requests parent contributions.

Lately, more and more payments have not been made. This means the school has had to use money from its core budget that should be used for things like teaching and classroom resources, to cover the shortfall. This cannot carry on.

These activities need the additional funding. If we do not receive enough payments, we will have to cancel some of them, like the upcoming trips booked this term. We do not want to do this, but we must make sure the school's main funds go where they are most needed.

We are asking all families that owe money to make payments through Parent Pay by the end of the week. A text will be sent to you if you have any payments outstanding.

If you are having trouble accessing Parent Pay, please contact the school office and they will be happy to help.

We also understand that some families may be facing financial difficulties. If this is the case, please contact the school in confidence. There may be ways we can support you.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid and supported these activities. With your help, we hope to keep offering these valuable experiences to all our children.

Yours faithfully

Tim Stirling  
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