

27th September, 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – AUTUMN TERM 2018

We are now into the Autumn Term, and the time has come, once again, to ask for your generous contributions to the School Fund.

The Voluntary Contribution scheme is vital for the school to be able to provide many extra-curricular activities for our children. Contributions are used to cover the cost of school trips to museums, galleries, gardens, sites of historical interest, places of worship and other interesting venues. They also enable us to have visitors to the school to work with children in such areas as acting, dancing and historical activities, as well as allowing us to run various workshops and special quizzes. The cost of these events can be anywhere from £150 to £450 per session, while the cost of coaches hired to take children on school trips can range from £425 per day to £850 a day if a whole year group is involved. None of these activities, which greatly enhance each child's learning experience, can take place without the help of parents. The school budget simply cannot cover the large number of extra visits and other events that are carefully planned by teachers to support the curriculum and give children a wider, richer view of life. Children are naturally enthusiastic and all the extra activities that our school provides, with your help and support, foster and build on this enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge.

To enable us to continue offering our children all these extra experiences, we ask parents to send in a contribution of £25.00 per term, or £75.00 per year to be paid on Parent Pay.

Please note: Apart from our residential trip in Y5 and a very small handful of workshops, Voluntary Contribution is not an additional payment to the visits and trips your children participate in throughout the course of the year. As such, you will notice that we do not ask for a payment every time your child is engaged in these opportunities for example, Y3 visit to Horton Kirby next week, Y3 visit to the Primary Prom, Y4 workshops at the Horniman Museum, Y5 workshops at The Ragged School Museum, Y5 & 6 workshops at the Black Cultural Archives, Y6 workshop with the Young Shakespeare Company, and that's just a start...!

Last year was a record year for Voluntary Contributions, and we are most grateful to all parents who sent in donations. We hope to make this year another record one, so we would be very grateful if you could send in your contributions at your earliest convenience, and accept our thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Purcell
Head of School