

Dulwich Hamlet

Junior School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS – AUTUMN TERM 2023

We are now into the Autumn Term, and the time has come, once again, to ask for your generous contributions to the School Fund. We are delighted to be able to plan all of the usual exciting activities that the children have come to love and look forward to. We are proud of our broad and balanced 'glittering' curriculum, a key component of our school vision.

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.

Please note: Apart from our residential trip in Y6, 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. This fund is essentially your payment for these activities. As such, unlike many schools, you will notice that we do not ask for a payment every time your child is engaged in these opportunities, or participates in a trip or visit.

While we try to be incredibly creative in order to keep costs down, the cost of these events can be anywhere from £150 to £500 per session, while the cost of coaches hired to take children on school trips can cost approximately £1200 a day if a whole year group is involved: £13/14 per child! 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. Y3 and Y6 will be visiting Horton Kirby in the next week or so, Y4 will attend workshops at the Horniman Museum and be receiving a *Natural Disasters* day from the Freshwater Theatre Company, while Y5 will be visiting the Black Cultural Archives – and all of this is happening this side of the half-term break! You will only need to view our twitter feed and you will quickly pick up on the sheer enjoyment of the children from engaging in these experiences. We are looking forward to many more as the year progresses.



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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, (£12.50 for our Pupil Premium families) or £75.00 per year to be paid via ParentPay.

We have received queries from some of our parents as to whether they could pay a little more to support the School Fund, so we do include an additional ParentPay item called 'Voluntary Contributions Optional Extra'. This will enable you to make an additional payment of £25+ which would be of great help in organising all the various wider learning activities which teachers would love to set up. If you are able and wish to use this opportunity to help the school, we would be most grateful, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Last year we had an excellent response to our requests for Voluntary Contributions, and we are most grateful to all parents who sent in donations. We would be very grateful if you could now send in your contributions for the autumn term 2023/full-year 2023 at your earliest convenience, which you can now view on Parent Pay, and accept our thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Purcell

Headteacher