



## **Governors' Building for the Future Fund**

Help Us Build a Brighter Future for Our Students!

### **What is the 'Building for the Future' fund?**

Our School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided School. This gives us freedoms many other schools do not enjoy, such as our specific Christian approach to education. However, it also gives us additional responsibilities for which the School's Governors have to find funds. For example, upgrading ICT equipment or renovating parts of the school and our outside space.

Whilst the majority of our funding comes from the Government, to access funds for 'capital' or building and improvement projects from the Guildford Diocesan Board of Education, we need to contribute 10% of the overall cost of the project. The Governors of our school are almost entirely reliant on parents and carers to support the 10% financing of these projects through voluntary contributions to our Building for the Future fund.

This money in the Building for the Future fund is held and managed by the Governing Body and has charitable status (allowing us to reclaim gift aid). It will not be used for day-to-day educational expenses incurred by the school.

### **Why should I donate to the Building for the Future fund? What is the fund for?**

The Building for the Future fund is dedicated to enhancing our school environment, and we need your support to make it happen. Your generous contributions will enable us to improve various areas around our school site, creating a more vibrant and engaging space for our pupils.

The Building for the Future fund is used for two key areas:

- Contributions towards important building and maintenance works for the School and to provide 10% of the costs of any improvements made to the premises.
- Delivering substantial enhancements to the School's technology provision, including new computers and the supporting infrastructure.

In the past years we have upgraded outdoor learning spaces for each Key Stage, created new spaces to support pupils with special educational needs, built shade canopies and increased our inventory of equipment for year-round play. A project to renovate and improve the pupil toilets in the KS1 block will be completed over the 2024 summer school holidays. We will keep you informed about how your donations are used through regular updates on our website and newsletter

### **What is the difference between the Building for the Future fund and the PTFA?**

The PTFA and Building for the Future fund both work towards achieving the same objective – advancing the education and experience of children in our school. However, the Building for the Future fund is independent of the PTFA funds and its activities. The PTFA provides events to both fundraise and enhance the school community, whereas the Building for the Future fund is entirely reliant on donations.

## How much should I donate?

Donating is entirely voluntary. However, the more families that contribute the more we can do to support the school's plans. Every penny raised goes towards your children and their learning. We ask you to consider making a contribution of between £3-£5 per child, per month, to the Building for the Future fund.

If every family contributed:

- £3 per child, per month, we could raise just over £15,000 per year- plus 25% gift aid
- £5 per child, per month, we could raise just over £25,000 per year - plus 25% gift aid

We know that some parents want to contribute much more and we also know that for some parents, this is too much – so please only give what you can afford. All donations are treated confidentially and only the Treasurer is aware of donor details.

## Making your donation go further:

If you are a UK taxpayer you can make your donation go 25% further through Gift Aid at no extra cost to you. **That means for every £1 donation, we can claim an extra 25p** and all you need to do is sign the Gift Aid declaration form! If you are a higher-rate taxpayer, you can claim tax relief on charitable donations – donating £10 therefore only costs you £6. You may also be able to donate pre-tax using payroll giving schemes or through salary or bonus sacrifice. Please do feel free to contact the School Business Manager [sbm@sendcofe.co.uk](mailto:sbm@sendcofe.co.uk) if you would like to confidentially discuss this.

## How do I donate?

If you can, we encourage you to set up a regular monthly donation to the Building for the Future fund. This spreads the cost for you and helps us to understand our future income and plan major investments. However, please choose the method that works best for you:

- Donate by setting up a regular payment directly into the Building for the Future fund account. Please use your family surname as a reference.
  - Name of Charity: **Send Primary School Improvement Fund**
  - Account Number: **59947292** Sort Code: **60-09-21**
- Donate by completing a bank standing order and returning this to the school office. We will pass this on to your bankers for implementation. Forms are available at the school office
- Donate any amount termly or yearly via cheque made payable to **Send Primary School Improvement Fund**

**However you choose to donate, please complete the enclosed Gift Aid form and return it to school.**

## Join Us in Making a Difference

Contribute to the Building for the Future fund today and help us create a better learning environment for our children. Your support will have a lasting impact on their education and daily school experience.

If you would like to discuss the Governors' fund, future enhancement projects, or how to pay, please contact the School Business Manager at [sbm@sendcofe.co.uk](mailto:sbm@sendcofe.co.uk)

**Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our school community.**





## Governors' Building for the Future Fund Charity Gift Aid Declaration

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.**

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_per month/ per year (delete as needed) and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years

**Name of Charity:**      **Send Primary School Improvement Fund**

Account Number:      59947292                      Sort Code: 60-09-21

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

### **My Details:**

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code