



# CHATHAM & CLARENDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

2024/25

## **School Voluntary Fund (CCGS Amenities Fund)**

I am writing to ask for your support as our school, along with all schools nationally, continues to face a difficult and uncertain financial future.

Over the past 10 years we have seen our School Funding reduced by over £1,000,000 in real terms. The majority of this reduction in our income has been due to Government changes to Education Funding over this period.

Despite our student numbers slightly reducing this year and adjusting staffing levels accordingly, we have found the financial situation increasingly difficult to manage. We were fortunate in having built up our reserves to meet such challenges to date, however, these reserves have been severely reduced to meet our funding gap.

The Government has announced a small increase in school funding for next year, but this increase will not make up for the loss of funding over the last few years. We are now facing a situation where we will not have the funds to meet our basic costs.

Of course, we will continue to strive to provide the best educational offer we can to your child, whilst continuing to explore avenues of income generation from all sources to help fund our teaching and learning provision.

### **How can you help?**

As a parent, relative or carer you can help by making a donation to the School Voluntary Fund. At the moment we ask for voluntary contributions of £20 per annum. With Gift Aid this currently provides the school with £24,000 per annum which is gratefully received. This sum helps provide for our school minibuses and extra-curricular sports, arts and musical activities – activities that enrich your child's education and experience.

**For 2023-24 we set a target of £50,000 to be raised through parental voluntary contributions. We will have raised £58,475 by the end of 2023-24.**

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This may sound daunting, however with this £50,000 we will be able to provide the resources required by **our departments** within the school.

It will pay for the resources Government Funding no longer covers. It will help your child to continue to enjoy the level of teaching and learning they deserve.

We hope for 2023-24 to procure a new minibus (lite) which can be driven by the younger members of staff. This will especially help our PE, Drama and Geography Departments in transporting our students to their various venues around the country.

### How much will I have to donate?

There are currently 1,430 students at our school. **If each parent was to donate as little as £5.00 per month** for each of their children this would raise over £85,000 per year. With Gift Aid, (the Government currently pays 25p for every £1.00 raised by charitable donations), this would then well exceed our school target of £50,000.

Some parents have more than one child at school and we also recognize that some parents may not be able to afford this amount due to their own financial situation. In these circumstances we would ask parents to make a donation that can be afforded.

### You can donate more if you wish!

If parents that are in a position to do so, can donate a higher amount per month, this would be fantastic. We would then be able to provide more resources and, more importantly, it would help safeguard the curriculum for the future.

Amount per month	Total per year	Tax reclaimable by School	Total benefit to school
£2	£24.00	£6.00	£30.00
£3	£36.00	£9.00	£45.00
£5	£60.00	£15.00	£75.00
£10	£120.00	£30.00	£150.00
£15	£180.00	£45.00	£225.00
£20	£240.00	£60.00	£300.00
£50	£600.00	£150.00	£750.00

In our newsletters, we will keep parents and students informed as to how much you have contributed and more importantly what your contributions are being used for.

### Thank you for your support

It is a very sad situation that all state schools are now having to resort to this kind of action and I can assure you we are doing everything we can to improve our financial standing whilst continuing to provide the widest possible number of opportunities and learning experiences for your children. Please help us to continue providing these opportunities to your children.

May I take this opportunity in thanking you for your generous support and look forward to receiving your completed standing order mandate and Gift Aid form which are attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher