

Fleet Primary School

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SCHOOL FUNDING – 2023/24

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you with regard to school funding for this academic year.

Our school serves a very diverse community and we continue to be determined to provide every child with the best possible education and outcome. However, over the last few years, this ambition is becoming more and more difficult as we are struggling to cover the costs of running our school the way we want to. Every year our bills go up, but our income from the Government does not increase at the same rate, and in some cases decreases.

Supporting the fantastically creative and varied curriculum we have including the trips, visitors, residential visit, clubs, swimming lessons for 3 year groups, free for all nursery provision etc. all comes at a cost to the school. We always try to minimise the costs to families and subsidise all of the things we currently ask parents for voluntary donations towards. We do not want to have to narrow or take away any of the things we currently provide but hard choices are ahead with funding as it is and pupil numbers in inner London dropping.

As you are aware, all primary school children in state-funded schools in London are now receiving free school meals for the 2023/24 academic year. The Mayor recognises that some families are in need of support and the introduction of universal free school meals for the 2023/24 academic year will save families upwards of **£482** per child[.]

We are asking for your support and wondered (if your family is in a position to), whether you would consider donating towards the school (perhaps some of what you would have paid for school lunches). We understand that the cost of living is rising for everyone and so would appreciate any amount your family can afford. We stress this is a request for a voluntary donation and in no way mandatory. Nor will any child be treated differently or miss out on anything because their family cannot support us in this way.

If you would like to donate an amount to the school, a one-off or regular donation of any value you can afford, you can do this by logging into your Scopay.com account, where you will see **2023-24 DONATION** tab. See below:

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These donations would be used to support us to continue to offer the rich opportunities for trips, clubs, workshops, resources and other experiences that support the children's learning and deliver the high-quality opportunities for the pupil's wider personal development available here at Fleet.

Thank you for any support you can give.

Yours sincerely,

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Don M^cGibbon - Head Teacher