



## Grand Avenue Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parent / Carer

### Supporting the Voluntary Fund

It will not be news to you that our school is facing increasing financial challenges – and that's why the activities and resources funded by the Voluntary Fund continue to be so important. *So do please donate whatever you can to help us this year.* Read on now to find out how this fund benefits all Grand Avenue children and how you can donate now.

#### What does the Voluntary Fund do?

*The Voluntary Fund provides educational and additional resources which cannot be met by the main school budget.* The fund has no local authority support and relies solely on donations from parents. When these individual donations are pooled together, the Fund can purchase resources that make a huge difference.

#### The fund has already helped the children this year by providing:

- An ongoing supply of **free fruit for all children** sourced from a local supplier. The children enthusiastically eat their fruit at snack time and having free fruit encourages healthy eating. The enormous uptake by the children means that the school needs your help to continue this benefit!



**FREE annual scooter training** for Year 1 children (86 children took part in October 2018). They enjoy themselves immensely learning how to be safe, 'pavement polite' and are introduced to some basic Highway Code.

**Subscriptions to Story Time Magazine and First News** which offers varied and current reading materials to encourage reluctant readers to engage, read and share with friends.

#### Past purchases continue to enrich the children's school life having funded:

- More **Spellcheckers** to help children in KS2 develop the ability to check and correct their spelling independently and accurately. They are of particular help to those children with dyslexia.
- **New books by popular authors** to encourage children to extend their vocabulary and understanding, and to buy **SEN reading books** to ensure the reading scheme is accessible to all.
- **Bee Bots Robots (computer equipment)** for Key Stage 1 and Early Years. These introduce the children to the essential skill of coding and creating short coding sequences.

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- **Pro Bot Floor Robot class bundles** for our KS2 children to develop their IT skills (such as inputting codes and debugging programmes) and to support them in both their maths and art curriculum.

### So how can you help this year?

We aim to continue with these initiatives, as well as introducing new ones. **That's why we're asking each family to donate now** – and the more you give, the more opportunities we are able to provide for your child.

#### How to donate

We are asking every family to **donate £39** this year (that's just £1 for each week in school). However, we understand the financial constraints on many families, and any donation, no matter how small would be greatly appreciated. **And if every family donates what they can, the Fund can do so much more.**

\*\*\*What's more, if you are a UK taxpayer, the Fund can claim **an extra 25%** on every eligible donation – and at **no additional cost to you**. Simply ensure you complete the Gift Aid section when you donate.\*\*\*

To make it as easy and convenient for you as possible, either:

- have your bank details to hand and **donate online** at <http://givi.ng/1086349> (please ensure you click the **DONATE** button only) or
- **complete the attached form** and return it with your cash/cheque (made payable to **Voluntary Fund for Grand Avenue**) to the School Office, in an envelope marked "Voluntary Fund".

You can choose to donate as a one-off payment or set up a regular direct debit. And of course, the sooner your donation is received, the sooner we can use the funds to benefit the children.

**Thank you for supporting the school.** The Governors, staff - and most importantly, the children at Grand Avenue - are very grateful.

Yours sincerely

**Margaret Barrington**  
Headteacher

**Erik Boesten**  
Chair of Trustees – Voluntary Fund

PS Please do **sign up for Gift Aid** if you are a UK taxpayer. Remember the Fund will receive an additional 25% on any sum you donate (that's **£48.75 for every donation of £39**) at no additional cost to you! Thank you.



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# Voluntary Fund for Grand Avenue

## Cash/Cheque Donation and Gift Aid Declaration Form



Complete this form for all **cheque and cash** donations to the Voluntary Fund for Grand Avenue.

When you sign the **Gift Aid Declaration**, the Fund can also reclaim **an additional 25p for every £1 you donate** - and at no additional cost to you!

Once complete, please return your signed form to the School Office, together with your donation, in an envelope addressed to "Voluntary Fund". **Thank you.**

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### Part 1: Donor's details

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms Other \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: £39/£ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Cheque

(Please make cheques payable to **Voluntary Fund for Grand Avenue**)

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### Part 2: Gift Aid Declaration (for a single donation)

I want to **Gift Aid** my donation to the Voluntary Fund for Grand Avenue (Reg. Charity No. 1086349).

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.

I confirm that this donation is my own money. It has not come from anyone else e.g. a business, friends, family or a collection; it is not the proceeds from the sale of goods or provision of services e.g. a cake sale, auction or car wash; and I am not receiving any benefits from this donation e.g. entry to an event, raffle or sweepstakes.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

