



## Grand Avenue Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Supporting the Voluntary Fund

#### What is the Voluntary Fund?

The voluntary fund is a collection of donations from parents, guardians, and the community that helps us enhance our pupils' educational experiences. This fund is separate from the school's main budget and is used for specific purposes that directly benefit our pupils.

Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery, alongside many other schools, continues to face increasing financial challenges. That's why the activities and resources funded by the Voluntary Fund are so important - and why we ask every family to donate each year. With on-going funding cuts being made to our budget, we have to prioritise the educational essentials when purchasing equipment and resources and even then we do not always have the finances to do all that we wish. Hence, our request for every family at Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School to contribute to the Voluntary Fund if they possibly can. If every family donated at least £50 it would give the school a further **£22,140** to provide quality resources for the children.

#### How has the fund been used recently?

Your generous contributions to the voluntary fund have allowed us to:

- Purchase a new iPad for each classroom from Nursery to Year 6.
- Update the Playground markings in the Key Stage 1 playground.
- Purchase new fencing to enclose the Year 1 outside learning area to create an outdoor learning space.



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### How can you help this year?

Our current IT systems are dated and substantial investment is required to upgrade our systems. GASPA has helped fund raise to purchase new screens for the classrooms but now we need to invest in upgrading our computers across the school. This comes at a significant cost at approximately £30,000.

If we were able to raise at least **£22,140** we could support the upgrades to our systems without diverting money from our main school budget. While participation in the voluntary fund is not mandatory, every contribution makes a significant difference. It enables us to offer unique opportunities and resources that go beyond the basic curriculum, ensuring our pupils receive a well-rounded education and in this case give children access to the latest technology to support their learning.

### How to donate

**We are asking every family to donate £50 this year (that's about £1 for each week in school). However, we understand the financial constraints on many families, and any donation you can make would be greatly appreciated. And if every family donates what they can, the fund can do so much more.**

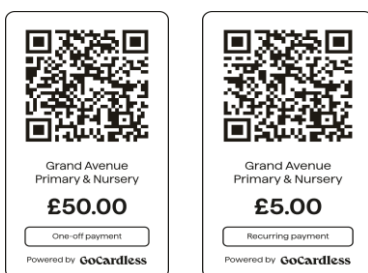
**\*\*\*What's more, if you are a UK taxpayer, the Fund can claim an extra 25% on every eligible donation – and at no additional cost to you. Simply ensure you complete the Gift Aid section when you donate.\*\*\***

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

[Please click here to make a one off payment of £50.](#)

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Or scan the relevant QR code below.



**You can choose to donate as a one-off payment or set up a regular direct debit.**

- If you would like to make a donation of a different amount you can do so via the School Gateway app. Simply visit the payment section of your child's School Gateway to make a donation. In order to claim Gift Aid on your donation, we ask that you please complete this form alongside your donation: [Please click here to complete the Gift Aid form.](#)



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Thank you for supporting our voluntary fund. Together, we can continue to create an outstanding learning environment for all our children.

Yours sincerely

**Shona Pitcher**  
Headteacher

**Richard Newman**  
Chair of Trustees – Voluntary Fund



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