

Ashford Church of England Primary School

1 October 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Governors are pleased to welcome your children back to school for this new academic year and look forward to another successful and happy year. We are very fortunate to have such a historic and interesting building and extensive grounds although the age of some aspects provides us with a number of challenges.

Church schools receive funding for buildings in a different way to community schools and we are reliant on the support of parents to help us fund the necessary building projects to provide the best possible learning environment for your children. We work closely with the Diocese who are responsible for large scale building projects. Last year we completed Phase 2 of the school hall project which included the upgrade of the windows, as well as improvements to the security at the front of the school. In the forthcoming year the priority is the replacement of the school boilers and roof repairs. The school has to make a contribution to every project and asks for voluntary contributions from all the families in the school. For every £1 that is donated to the school for Building & Maintenance we can apply for another £9 of grant funding from the Diocese, without these important contributions we would not be able to continue to develop the school.

Parental donations are voluntary and an amount of £5 per month or £55 per year is suggested. First Child: £55 per year in advance OR £5 per month Second Child: £55 per year in advance OR £5 per month Third Child: £20 per year in advance OR £2 per month

As contributions are easy to forget, we would like to encourage as many of you as possible to set up a standing order, enclosed you will find the relevant form to complete and return to the school office. If you are able to do this, we would be able to plan and use this money much more effectively. However, we do understand that family budgets are also under pressure, and welcome any donation you are able to make. You can also pay online via our Tucasi payment service, by cash or by cheque (made payable to "Ashford C/E B & M Fund"). Our staff in the office will be happy to assist you in any way they can.

We have also included a Gift Aid form for you to complete if you are a UK tax payer. This means we receive an additional 25p for every £1 donated.

The governors of ACE would like to thank you for your donations, past and future, to the Building and Maintenance Fund, and recognise all the other kinds of contributions made by you all to the life of our school community. Your time and energy are vital!

Yours faithfully

Phil Wells Chair of Governors





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