



Ashford Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you to provide an update on the latest school improvement projects that have been undertaken in school to enhance the children's learning environment. Over the Easter holidays we made some important changes to our Reception class rooms, which included new floors, a new sliding door to partition Kangaroo class to provide separate teaching spaces for the children and full redecoration. The classes look fantastic and the children are enjoying the flexible class room spaces. Staff are seeing great benefits to the children's learning already, with quieter spaces for the development of the children's reading and phonics skills.



The School Improvement Fund

All the above work would not have been possible if it wasn't for your vital donations to the school through the School's Improvement fund (also known as the Buildings and Maintenance Fund). Your contributions to this fund, no matter how small, are essential for us to be able to adapt and improve the learning environment for all the children. So THANK YOU to everyone who is donating to this fund. Every penny is spent for the benefit of your children so they can thrive at ACE.

As you may already be aware 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.

For every £1 that is donated to the school for improvements to the building we can apply for another £9 of grant funding from the Diocese. Whilst parental donations are vital to allow us to make these improvements, these payments are voluntary as we recognise that family budgets are currently under pressure. In light of this we suggest the following amounts by way of a contribution:

- **First Child:** £55 per year in advance OR £5 per month (12 months = £60)
- **Second Child:** £55 per year in advance OR £5 per month (12 months = £60)



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- **Third Child:** £20 per year in advance OR £2 per month (12 months = £24)

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. You can also pay online via our Tucasi payment service or in the school office using our Sum Up machine. 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.

Our staff team at ACE are always striving to make improvements to the learning environment and continue to come up with practical and exciting ideas so that we can maximise the potential of the space for your children. We have many exciting plans and aspirations for future improvements, so please keep giving anything you can so we can make these ideas a reality.

Kind regards

The Governing Body