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Dear Parents,

Voluntary Funding Request

You may have read in the press recently lots of discussion about how funding for schools has remained static since 2015 and that, with inflation and a reduction in per pupil funding, schools are finding it harder to make ends meet. Many schools are now under financial pressure and operating over budget.

I am pleased to let you know that we are currently running just within budget here at Parsonage Farm. This is down to the great work of the Senior Management Team and the Governing Body ensuring that we deliver a great experience to all the children, as well as maintaining an "Outstanding" rating from Ofsted, within the current financial constraints. I would also like to thank the FOPS team, who through the School Fairs and other fundraising initiatives, have been able to provide some significant contributions towards some key resources for the classrooms.

Whilst we are within budget for now, it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to provide those extra experiences such as Millers Ark and Pantomime visits, extra resources to allow improved learning and replacing resources (such as reading books) that we have made do with to date. These are all to enhance your child's learning journey during their time with us.

As Governors, we have been exploring the options available to us by looking at lots of different funding sources and after feedback received from last year's parents evening, we are asking you as parents of pupils attending the school to help us with the situation we now face.

From October 2018, we will be asking for a voluntary donation of up to **£10 per term, per family**. Please note that this is totally voluntary so if you do not wish to donate, for whatever reason, it is not a problem. This request is not a decision we have made lightly, and I hope that you are able to support us in our request, to ensure we are able to continue to provide the best possible learning environment for all of the children at Parsonage Farm.

There will be a box in the School Office to collect these donations, or you can hand them to the front desk staff. Please put donations in an envelope marked Parent Donations. Payments can be made by cash or cheque made payable to HCC. We will provide updates, via Miss Greenway's newsletters, to keep you posted as to what your donations were spent on. Please note that as the donations are anonymous we will just be feeding back on the total amount raised.

Yours faithfully

C. Waters

Chris Waters
Chair of Governors