



Friday 6th October 2023

Supporting East Bridgford St Peter's CE Academy

Dear Parents/Carers and Community of East Bridgford St Peter's Church of England Academy,

Over the years and still today, we are incredibly grateful that our school has always been well supported at school events, productions, music and sports events, church services, parents' evenings, open afternoons, etc. We value your ongoing support, so **thank you**.

Many of the local community are now asking how they may further support our school in these post covid times and with the present cost of living squeeze. Inevitably, school finances have become increasingly pressured, even with a strong team of staff, skilled governors and a Parent Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) dedicated to securing the very best value for money.

How you could help support our school

The school has created an information leaflet all about **Pupil Premium funding**. This money, if your child is eligible, goes straight to schools and helps support children primarily for teaching and learning amongst many other things. Please take the time to read the leaflet and see if you can help the school receive this funding. You might be surprised that you could be eligible to help fund the school.

<https://www.eastbridfordstpeters.co.uk/pupil-premium/>

The school's priority is staffing and where the majority of the budget goes, this is our most valuable and high impact resource. We have made cuts and savings elsewhere in the budget due to our other significant financial constraints. The school is quickly reaching the limit of any further areas of expenditure which can be cut and are negotiating school contracts to the tightest margin, including purchasing existing school laptops rather than leasing them through a less cost-effective long-term contract. Unfortunately, there are very limited savings the school can now make over the next few years. Capital money is tied up with paying for the roofing and heating works which have taken place over the past few years. Therefore, the school and the PTFA are asking you to come together, to help our fantastic school.

We are politely asking if you can consider donating to our JustGiving campaign to raise £25,000 for essential phonics books, the ambition of a newly developed playground/garden learning spaces and continuing to purchase quality learning materials for your children to use. **Any amount is appreciated**. If you are able to, please donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ebstpetersptfa>

As well as financially, there are of course many other ways you can offer your support. This year has presented extreme challenges to us all with the rising cost of living and mortgage pressures. We appreciate that for some of our families, a financial contribution to the school is not possible and we totally respect that. Perhaps you might consider offering your time to dig over our gardens, take care

of the outdoor learning spaces we already have, audit PE equipment and help to organise and maximise what we already have. All help is welcomed! This kind of valuable support enables staff to do what they do best, teach and support your children.

If you feel you know people/businesses who would be able to add value and support our school in other ways, we would love to hear from them too.

Continue to make St Peter's a school to be proud of

We have a very happy and successful **Take Care** school where we take care of ourselves, each other, the world and with our work.' Ofsted (April 2022) rated us Outstanding for Personal Development, a recognition we are immensely proud of indeed.

Thank you again for helping us in any way you are able to - financially, with offers of time, being generous with your gardening skills, offering your tidying and organisation skills, etc. and to keep taking care of St Peter's, so we can continue to develop the next generation to do the right thing, work hard, aim high and make themselves feel proud.

Thank you for your support,



Mr R Tomlinson, Headteacher



Mrs V Burton, Co-Chair PTFA