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Dear Parents and Carers,

The sustained success of Rockmount Primary is heavily founded on the strong partnership between home and school and your ongoing support as parents and carers.

As many of you will be aware, schools across the UK are facing tight budgets due to the current economic climate.

A school fund is a separate pot of money to the budget provided by the government. It is used to enhance educational experiences and resources, providing important opportunities for students that they would not otherwise have access to.

At Rockmount Primary we use our school fund for activities, equipment, specialist workshops and resources, all of which enrich the pupils' learning and school experience and which we are not necessarily able to fund from the budget provided by the government.

Perhaps even more importantly, we use the fund to ensure that students from families facing financial hardship can fully participate in all aspects of school life. We know that this broader engagement greatly enhances their sense of belonging, enjoyment of school and long-term outcomes. Support may include subsidised or fully funded music and drama lessons, enrichment trips, uniform grants and other essential opportunities.

Please note that the school fund does not pay for day-to-day running costs, staff salaries, or any part of the core curriculum.

In the past year we have had several families approach the school expressing a wish to contribute to the school fund and we are extremely grateful that a number of parents/carers already make regular, as well as one-off contributions.

We are now inviting the wider parent and carer community to consider contributing to the Rockmount School Fund. This idea was discussed last year at a Parent/Carer Forum Meeting and with our Governing Board where it was noted that many families may want to support the school through either annual or monthly donations.

We are suggesting a voluntary contribution of £8 per month (a total of £96 per year) through a standing order or as a one-off payment. Please feel free to give more or less depending on your circumstances. Any amount is appreciated and will be carefully put to use supporting our pupils' extended learning experiences in school.

We completely understand that some families may not be in a position to contribute, and we want to reassure you that this is absolutely fine; not contributing will have no adverse impact. We also understand that many families may be experiencing financial hardship, please remember we are here to help and support you.

For those who are willing and able to contribute, please see payment information below.

We thank you in advance for your generous consideration of this request.

Helen Carvall

Headteacher

The school bank details for payments/setting up of standing orders are:

Nat West Bank sort code: 560046

Account number: 58783717

Account name: Rockmount JNR

Payment reference: School Fund 2025-2026

OR

Pay on-line using the ParentPay website. Please log into your account and select the item School Fund 2025-2026