

THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parents,

I hope your son or daughter is making good progress this year at The Buckingham School and is enjoying their lessons.

My job is to ensure the best possible education for the students of The Buckingham School. I believe that by working together we can make a significant difference to the quality of the education. What I urge you to do is read this letter carefully and ask yourself what **you** can do to help support your son's or daughter's education.

I believe that the school has good reason to be proud of the performance of its students, both past and present. However, I believe there are significant improvements that can be made at The Buckingham School to maintain and expand the wide ranging curriculum. I want to prepare our students for 21st Century challenges and the pace of change.

It will require partnership, teamwork and a commitment to working together. No doubt you have read about the cuts to school budgets across the country and in an ideal world the funding from Government would allow us to develop and enhance our school curriculum, however we are one of the lower funded schools and this is very difficult. We will require extra money and resources and with your help we can get there faster.

I write to ask you, to make a financial donation to us. We have established a Curriculum Fund for this purpose (through <u>www.parentpay.com</u>) and ask if you would consider a donation of £20 per family. Our aim this year is to refurbish our food technology room at a cost of approx £3500. We have already secured a small grant from The Food Education Trust and our site team staff will undertake a lot of the work in house. To celebrate our achievement we plan to hold a Great Buckingham Bake Off later in the year and your funds would go a long way to enabling us to implement our development plans.

I appreciate some parents are not in a position to be able to make a financial donation. Here are some other ways you can contribute:

- Join the parents' bridge and help in a variety of ways
- When and if a vacancy arises, become a governor of the school
- Offer your services cost price, eg. decoration, carpet fitting, etc.
- Supply goods at cost price, eg. Carpet, paint, computers, etc.

I look forward to hearing from you soon to work together towards making a difference at The Buckingham School.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Angela WellsMr Matthew WatkinsHeadteacherGovernor, Chair of Finance

