



# BENTLEY C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware the financial picture for our school is looking increasingly bleak. The promised new funding will not support the primary sector until 2021 and so until then we remain one of the worst funded schools in the UK. Despite the cuts we have made, and continue to make, there is simply not enough money to continue with the current level of staffing. Without your help we may need to make some very difficult decisions.

There are a number of ways you could help;

**Set up a monthly direct debit to our school bank account** It could be for £5, £10 or £20 a month; whatever you can afford to give would be appreciated. Account name: HCC, Account No: 00000000, Sort Code: 62-28-49, Ref: DFE30230 GL6798. (NB this account number of eight zeros **is** correct)

**Pay in a one off payment via our school bank account** (as above)

**Make a donation to our PTFA account** via <https://wonderful.org/charity/bentleyschoolptfa>. This has the added benefit of bringing Gift Aid if you are a UK tax payer.

**Make a donation via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com)** whenever you log on to pay for lunches or school visits. Just add an amount to the School Fund item – any amount, big or small. It all adds up.

**Do your online shopping via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>** – every pound you spend adds more to our fund and it doesn't cost you a single penny.

**Shop at Amazon? Access their website through <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>** – you get the same products and services, but Amazon Smile make a donation to our school, without it costing you anything.

**Support the work of the PTFA.** We won't be having so many big events this year, but those we do have will be amazing and will focus on our COMMUNITY projects. Your volunteering and attendance at these events helps our school to be the wonderful community it is, and for all our children to feel a valued part of our school family.

**Volunteer in school.** Despite a reduction in staffing due to our financial constraints, the class workload stays the same. If you can spare some time, please offer to help in school. The LSA role is to work with children so your help with their other role – admin, photocopying and sticking work in books – would be hugely appreciated.

Whatever you can do, just let us know and we will find the perfect match for your skills – whatever they are! Your time will be used well and will allow teachers to focus on planning, teaching and assessment.

We have reattached the letter we sent out previously about the current funding, and the Resources Committee, Mrs Pinchess and I are all happy to answer any questions you may have. Please email them to the school office and we will get back to you.

Thank you for your support,

Mr David Ibbobson, Chair of Governors on behalf of the Board of Governors

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