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Achieving Excellence Together in a Caring Community

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, at Dorchester Primary School we continually strive to provide the best possible learning environment and opportunities for our children. While government funding supports our core activities, we have been fortunate to be in a position to be able to offer extras that go beyond the National Curriculum, such as Forest School, additional PE provision, visitors to the school to enhance the curriculum etc.

As cuts in school budgets continue, it is now becoming impossible to find the funds to continue with the breadth of opportunities that we have been able to offer our children in the past.

Dorchester Primary School Fund

With this in mind, we are introducing the **Dorchester Primary School Fund**. This fund has been created so that we can continue to support those little extras - the activities, resources, and experiences that make a Dorchester Primary education so special.

What will it be used for?

The donations we receive will directly contribute to provision including:

- Enriching the curriculum with new equipment, materials, and technology.
- Providing workshops, and special events in school.
- Enhancing the school's facilities to create a more stimulating learning environment.

What to donate

We are asking for a small donation of £20 per term per child; we understand that not every family may be in a position to contribute, and there is no obligation to do so. However, if you are able to make a donation it will make a significant difference to the opportunities we can offer our children.

Gift Aid

Another advantage of running a school fund is that, as the donations are general (that is not linked to a specific activity for a specific child), we are able to claim Gift Aid on the donations. For parents who are eligible for Gift Aid this means that for every £20 donated, the school can claim £25. Please complete the [Gift Aid declaration at this link](#) so we know whether we can claim against your donation.

How to donate

All donations are voluntary, and we greatly appreciate any support you can give. Please make your contribution via **School Gateway**.

Together, we can make Dorchester Primary School an even better place for our children to learn, grow, and thrive. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.

Kind regards

Cathy Bell
Headteacher