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Dear Parents and Carers,

Academy Voluntary Fund

At Four Elms Primary School we strive to create the best possible learning environment for our children and the School Voluntary Fund is essential to this. In previous years the voluntary fund has enabled us to buy up to date, essential IT equipment.

Having only promoted our voluntary fund for one year after COVID-19 we realise a lot has changed with the cost of living crisis and inflationary pressures. However, as you are no doubt aware, school budgets are being increasingly squeezed due to a reduction in government funding.

We appreciate that parents already contribute generously, and we are lucky to have our PTA and such a supportive community working hard to raise funds. This will remain vital to the school's success. However, with real-term reductions in per-pupil funding we feel it is necessary to once again set up our voluntary fund. This will enable parents and others an opportunity to support teaching and learning where state funding is insufficient.

We recognised that not all families can afford to contribute, but we assure you that all children are treated equally irrespective of whether or how much their parents/carers contribute. Your contribution to the School Voluntary Fund will really make a difference.

We have set up a payment on MCAS and would kindly invite a one off payment of between £10-£50. If you are able to contribute beyond this throughout the year, your funds can enable us to provide further resources to the children.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Many thanks

Jess Fermor Head of School

Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

