



Birches First School

Believe, Grow, Succeed ...

...to be the best 'me' I can be.

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Dear Parents,

As always, thank you for the continued support you give to our school and to the children. Birches First School is a special place, and much of what makes it so distinct is the partnership we share with our families and our Parent–Friends Association (PFA).

I am writing to explain why the fundraising carried out by our PFA is now more important than ever.

Like many schools across the country, we are working within increasingly tight budgets. The funding we receive is essential for meeting core running costs—staffing, utilities, essential resources, and maintaining a safe learning environment. However, these allocations leave **very** little room for the enriching opportunities and improvements that make school life exciting, inspiring, and memorable for our children.

This is where the PFA's fundraising makes a genuine and significant difference.

Money raised by the PFA helps us to provide the 'extras' that simply cannot be covered by our main budget. These may include:

- Enhancing our outdoor spaces and play equipment
- Providing additional learning resources and technology
- Subsidising Educational Visits and Workshops
- Supporting Whole-School Events and Celebrations
- Funding new Reading Books and Curriculum materials

Every pound raised goes directly towards improving the experiences and opportunities we can offer the children.

We fully understand that not every family is able to contribute financially, and there is never any expectation to do so. Support comes in many forms—attending events, volunteering time, sharing skills, or simply spreading the word. All of it is valued.

We are extremely grateful to the PFA volunteers who work tirelessly to help us achieve more for our pupils, and to every parent who contributes in any way, big or small.

Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference to the children's school experience. If you would like to join the PFA please contact via PFA@birches.staffs.sch.uk

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Warm regards

S Varricchione, Headteacher

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