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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re Diocesan Building fund.

You may remember that I mentioned the Diocesan Schools' Building Fund in the last newsletter, and asked those of you who were not currently contributing to help us if you were able to do so. I am writing to you again, as we really need your support with this.

Parents are asked to pay £10.00 per child, per term, into the School Building Fund. This pays for the upkeep of the school building and subsidises building projects as well. We pay the same amount every term, regardless of whether we have work done or not. We ask parents to contribute this £10.00, but we have to find the money to make up any shortfall – we cannot just send what we have collected! This system does represent very good value for money, there are times when our spend vastly outweighs our contributions.

We have not yet paid the bill for the Autumn term, and we are currently £2840.00 short. Mrs Prince does a great job of managing all our revenue sources, and we will be able to pay, but this will inevitably result in us taking money from other budgets and reducing what we are able to spend on resources and activities which directly impact the children day to day. Our Spring invoice will arrive any day now, and we will find ourselves in the same position, dipping into other pots.

I really do appreciate that times are challenging for families. I know that many of you already give – for which I am grateful, and I appreciate that some of you are just not able to help at this time. The easiest way to help us is via WisePay, in the section under donations. If you are in a position to pay the full £10.00 per child per term, you can either make 3 payments of £10.00, or pay £30.00 for the year, or even pay £2.50 a month. If you cannot pay the full amount, but would like to help in some way, any contribution would be appreciated. There is also an option to add Gift Aid to your donation, in which case the tax is returned to us too!

I am really sorry to have to put this request to you – we will have to pay the Autumn bill by Friday of this week, and so I am asking you to help us if you can do so!

Many thanks for all your support,

Best wishes

Veronica Woodward
Headteacher