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Woodridge Together: Voluntary Giving Programme

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you today to ask for your help with the re-launch of our voluntary giving programme, Woodridge Together. By showing your support through a monthly donation, we will be able to make the Woodridge experience truly exceptional. It is an approach both common and successful across many state schools in our area and can be set up by you within a few minutes.



We have managed to achieve outstanding results and to nurture happy, well-rounded, and emotionally intelligent children – but like all state-funded single form entry schools, every year provides serious financial challenges¹. With your support we know we can better instil a thirst for learning, resilience for life, and the essential skills needed for the next stages of your child/children's education. A monthly donation, of any size, will make a huge impact on this mission.

Woodridge Together: Investing in Their Future

Woodridge Together (formerly the Woodridge Together Fund) is our initiative for regular voluntary giving. Your generosity is an investment in your child's/children's crucial formative years, where their learning and the school environment play a fundamental role in their development. The funds raised through Woodridge Together will directly support:

- **Purchasing essential learning resources**
- **Maintaining our school building and site**
- **Subsidising rising (utility) bills**
- **Maintaining appropriate staffing levels**

It is important to note that the Woodridge Together programme is entirely separate from the fundraising efforts of the Woodridge School Association (WSA), such as the Summer Fete, Christmas Bazaar, and Quiz Night.

As part of this re-launch, we are committed to providing you with regular updates on how your contributions are being used and the positive impact they are having on our school and pupils.

¹ Local Authority funding is insufficient and 45% of primary schools in Barnet are in a budget deficit. In 2023, we engaged an expert to carry out an independent financial review and the findings affirmed that the school is being run as efficiently as possible.

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How Your Contribution Makes a Difference

Imagine the collective impact if every family contributed! Here are just a few examples of what Woodridge Together could achieve over a year:





- £10 per month for a year would pay for **whiteboard pens for one class**
- £20 per month for a year would pay for sets of **exercise books for 3 classes**
- £30 per month for a year would pay for **one month's water supply**
- £30 per month for a year would pay for **Art & Design resources**
- £45 per month for a year would pay for an annual supply of **A4 paper**
- £50 per month for a year would pay for the **annual photocopier lease**
- £80 per month for a year would pay for **school cleaning materials**
- £1400 would pay for **one month's supply of gas and electricity**

We understand that not every family is in a position to contribute, and there is absolutely no pressure to do so. However, if you have the means, we kindly ask you to **give generously** and help us build the strongest possible foundations for your child's/children's education. It's never too late to contribute, so if you are not already contributing please consider taking action today. For those able to make larger contributions, we encourage you to give as deeply as you can.

For our UK taxpayers, we can significantly boost your contribution through **Gift Aid**, which increases eligible donations by 25% from the government at no extra cost to you.

Get Involved

To set up your voluntary giving, please decide how much you would like to give and click one of the following links or scan the QR code:

| £30 per month | £45 per month | £60 per month | £100 per month |
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| https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT0003Z23QA_R91 | https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT0003Z40S_8X44 | https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT0003Z4YT_BFA0 | https://pay.gocardless.com/BRT000445VR_86ZY |
|  <p>Woodridge Together Monthly Payment</p> <p>£30.00</p> <p>Recurring payment</p> <p>Powered by GoCardless</p> |  <p>Woodridge Together Monthly Payment</p> <p>£45.00</p> <p>Recurring payment</p> <p>Powered by GoCardless</p> |  <p>Woodridge Together Monthly Donation</p> <p>£60.00</p> <p>Recurring payment</p> <p>Powered by GoCardless</p> |  <p>Woodridge Together Monthly Donation</p> <p>£100.00</p> <p>Recurring payment</p> <p>Powered by GoCardless</p> |

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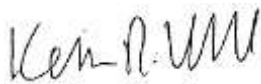
If you would like to make a monthly donation of a different amount, please email **Rikke Susgaard-Vigon**, our School Business Manager, via email: sbm@woodridge.barnet.sch.uk

If you would like more information on setting up monthly or one-off payments, please refer to the WPS website <https://www.woodridgeprimaryschool.com/woodridge-together-voluntary-giving> or contact Rikke Susgaard-Vigon directly.

We understand that this can be a sensitive topic, and we assure you that all information and discussions will be kept **strictly confidential**. The governors, co-headteachers and other staff will not be able to see who has contributed.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Woodridge Together initiative and for all of your generous contributions to date. With your help, we will continue to make Woodridge a truly fantastic school for all our children.

Yours sincerely,



Keith Hill - Chair of Governors, Colin Dowland and Laura Monro - Co-Headteachers



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