

Dear Parent / Carer

### **New Year 7 Parent – Request for Support**

You will no doubt be aware that schools are experiencing significant real term cuts in budget funding and here at Furze Platt Senior School we are striving to be as efficient as we can to ensure our students have the very best facilities and learning environment. We are having to think creatively to fund extras that are extremely important to facilitate your child's future education. As part of our ongoing fundraising, may I ask that you strongly consider contributing to our School Development Fund. This long established fund has allowed us to purchase equipment and resources which would otherwise be impossible to provide.

#### **To date, contributions from parents have helped us to:**

- Establish fantastic new sports facilities
- Upgrade our playground areas with football and basketball pitches, new fencing and shelter
- Build a new tarmac path across the field so students have a mud free walk to school
- Acquire photography equipment
- Upgrade our performing arts facilities

#### **In the future the money would be used to help us:**

- Refurbish our science laboratories
- Provide café/dining furniture in our expanded cafeteria
- Upgrade our ICT suites
- Install theatre lighting and audio in our new Main Hall
- Provide outside seating and shade in our new courtyard area

As a result of the Gift Aid scheme, contributions will generate an additional 28p per pound (if you are a UK tax payer). It would help our financial planning enormously if you were to commit to a regular contribution and make your payments direct to our bank account (administered by the PTFA). Please complete whichever parts of the form (overleaf) appropriate to your wishes and return the whole form intact in an envelope marked 'School Development Fund' or email to [finance@furzeplatt.net](mailto:finance@furzeplatt.net).

#### **Just £5 per month will make a real difference to the facilities we can provide to students.**

We are also keen to develop links with businesses who can offer sponsorship or opportunities for students. We would love to hear from you if you work for an organisation that may be interested in linking with the school. In return, we would promote your organisation and hopefully provide you with future employees! If you would like to find out more, please contact our Head of Operations, Lynne Moore, who will be happy to talk to you further.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you will contribute in whatever way you feel able.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Morrison  
Headteacher