

SCHOOL FUND

What is it?

It is a voluntary donation that we ask parents to make at the start of each academic year. We suggest £50 per home (therefore if parents have more than one daughter at the school, they are not asked to give more) although any contribution is obviously greatly appreciated.

Methods of payment

- By cash/cheque payable in the first week of the academic year, accompanied by a signed Gift Aid Declaration form which allows us to reclaim 20% on the donation via the Gift Aid scheme. This form remains on file for the duration of the pupil's time at this school and also enables LPGS to reclaim 20% for the trips and visits which are linked to the curriculum.
- By standing order direct from your bank account. [Please click here to download the form or find it on our Key Documents page.](#)
[The form should be returned to Mrs S Burgess.](#)
- Through the school Gift Aid scheme which commits the parent to set payments over a specified number of years. Details of this are sent to parents when their child joins the school.

Why does the school have to ask parents for money?

For two main reasons:

- the public funds that make up our annual school budget are never enough
- there are certain things that we are not allowed by law to use public funds to buy - minibuses immediately spring to mind!

What do we spend School Fund on?

- Specific curriculum projects and additional resources
- Enrichment projects
- Year Planners for all pupils
- New minibus
- Assistance to pupils going on journeys, residential visits and university visits
- Prizes and certificates
- Badges for prefects, form captains etc

Your role in relation to school fund is invaluable. Please help to generate and log the best amount that you can. Yes, it is voluntary, but experience demonstrates that most families are willing to contribute. Where there is hardship or reluctance, then we don't push the issue. It is vital to record all those who have paid, to log those who haven't, and to ensure that money collected is paid in to the Finance Office on the same day. Ancillary support will be provided to aid you in this.