

# Langley Grammar School

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Dear Parents

## Langley Grammar School Development Fund

I am writing to draw your attention to the Langley Grammar School Development Fund.

Some of you already contribute to the Fund regularly, or have made one-off donations, and I would like to thank you for your generosity and commitment. If you are already a contributor, please encourage other parents to consider supporting the school's development in the same way.

All schools have faced very considerable financial pressures in recent years; our budget has been cut in real terms and our costs as an employer have increased through additional national insurance and pension contributions. We have managed to protect students from the worst impact of this, but we have used reserves to balance the budget as well as monitoring our costs very carefully indeed. Although government pledges will increase the level of school funding over the next three years, in reality this is highly unlikely to restore the level of funding we used to have.

Over 80% of our income is spent on staffing costs – salaries, NI and pension contributions for our teachers and support staff. More than 10% goes on utilities, services and maintenance of the school site. Less than 10% is available to improve our facilities and to provide books, sports equipment, software, computer hardware, etc. The money available to spend on resources to support the education of your sons and daughters is therefore very limited. Parental donations cannot be used to pay for staffing but can make a significant difference to the provision of resources.

We are committed to the redevelopment of the school buildings over the next two years. While the building project is primarily funded by the Department for Education and Slough Borough Council, the school has to pay for items such as new furniture and IT equipment for teaching and learning. With the first of the two new buildings on track for completion in February 2020, we need the additional support of as many parents as possible to ensure that both new buildings are equipped and resourced to the standard we would like, and to develop the teaching and learning resources across the rest of the site.

We are very conscious that parents already make a financial contribution to their son or daughter's education through the provision of an iPad. However, please consider also donating to the Development Fund on a regular basis; any contributions are of value whatever the amount. We would also encourage 'one-off' gifts if you do not wish to commit to a regular donation at this time – again, any amount given in this way will be valued. This is particularly important as we build up the fund to resource the new buildings. In either case, the school is able to use the Gift Aid scheme to reclaim the tax you have paid.

You are placing your trust in us to educate your sons and daughters to the very best of our ability. We therefore make no apology for asking you for financial support to help us achieve this. If you would like to support the **LGS Development Fund** please complete and return the Gift Aid declaration and standing order form to our Finance Department as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

John Constable  
Headteacher