



Carlisle & Hampton Hill Federation



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FEDERATION VOLUNTARY DONATIONS FUND

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are very fortunate to be so well supported by our school community. As well as the ongoing fabulous fundraising efforts at both schools, we continue to benefit from your positive support in a wide range of other ways, such as: our wish lists, PTA & CSA events, school lottery, The Giving Machine and the volunteering of time, skills and expertise.

Previous donations have hugely benefitted our schools and led to improved investments in IT and a new adventure playground at HHJS whilst at CIS, new reading books, contribution towards year group trips and our fabulous outdoor classroom. This is alongside many other smaller but beneficial support resources that you have helped us to provide for our children, helping ensure that Carlisle and HHJS remain vibrant, nurturing places for our children to learn and grow.

Unfortunately, as advised earlier this year and despite all of these efforts we currently find ourselves with a real-term decline in our school budgets due to continued government underfunding alongside the significant additional costs and loss of revenue caused by Covid. This has resulted in us being in a situation where we are facing a huge shortfall in school running costs and have had to set a deficit budget.

As such, after discussion with the Governors, we took the decision earlier this year to ask all families to consider making a voluntary contribution to our schools per term. This decision has not been an easy one to make but we do view it as necessary at this time.

Following the success of this request during the last academic year we would now like to suggest a donation of £15 per child for this Autumn term. We suggest that families with more than one child would donate for up to two of their children.

All monies received will be used towards curriculum resources for the children. We will report back to you about how your donations are being spent on a termly basis in the newsletter.

Donations can now be made using your Arbor account, it will show as a trip entitled 'termly donation'.



We would like to reiterate that these contributions are entirely voluntary and confidential and no parent or child would be penalised for not contributing. Please feel under no pressure to donate.
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Please let us know if you would like any further information or if you have any ideas or suggestions that you feel may be helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at both schools.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Zoe Brittain, Alan Went & the Full Governing Body

ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS	
Do I have to pay?	No – the donation is entirely voluntary
What will the donation be used for?	The donation will be used to pay for a variety of items that are essential for the running of a large and successful school. The initial focus will be to enhance our curriculum resourcing.
Does it mean that I don't have to support PTA events?	PTA fundraising events will continue as an essential part of the school's fundraising and social programme. We hope that you'll continue to support the PTA at both schools.
Aren't CIS and HHJS state-funded schools?	Yes, however, the state funding is now insufficient to enable us to maintain our current resource levels within budget. This voluntary donation is a way for parents to help support the school financially, but only if they wish to.
Will my child be at a disadvantage if I choose not to contribute?	No
I cannot afford £15 per child per term, can I contribute a different amount?	All donations are kindly welcomed, you will be able to choose the amount if you donate via the CSA link.