

Bullers Wood School for Girls & Sixth Form



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Dear Parents and Carers

Keeping Bullers Wood for Girls ahead

You will be aware that over the last 10 years public services in all sectors have faced significant financial challenges. Bullers Wood School, like others both locally and nationally, has in recent years faced sizeable budget reductions. By way of example, recent national pay awards, increases in pension and NI contributions have all had to be found from 'within existing budgets' which leaves less money to spend on other aspects of running the school. Like other schools, we need to raise more income or risk having to make additional cuts to our provision.

Therefore, **we ask parents and carers for a contribution of £20 per month per student** to help us to continue to be able to provide a truly comprehensive range of courses and support our students. Alternatively, one-off or annual contributions may be made by cheque to the school.

Funds are received and controlled by the PTA (Friends of Bullers Wood) and each term the school and teaching departments make requests for items to be funded. These are reviewed by the PTA in conjunction with the school senior leadership team in order to allocate resources to items that will have the greatest impact on the largest number of pupils. All parents and carers are automatically members of Friends of Bullers Wood and are welcome to attend any meetings.

Attached is a contribution form. Please take the time to complete this and return it by post to the school as soon as possible. The form includes a Gift Aid section – please do complete this if you are a UK taxpayer as it enables the school to reclaim an additional 25p from the government on every £1 donated. Also, many employers run matched funding schemes and are willing to match sums donated by parents to the school. Try asking your HR department, as this could potentially double your contribution.

The funds raised to date have allowed us to purchase items such as:

- Science kit for a school laboratory that would otherwise have been out of operation until the school could afford equipment;
- Construction and fit out of sixth form common room;
- New computers for the Art Department to replace equipment that had become unusable due to age;
- Sound system and lighting upgrade for the school hall to ensure that school productions could take place and be heard.

This year we will be targeting purchase of textbooks and contributions to key infrastructure repair.

Thank you for your support. Together we will ensure that the education and experience at Bullers Wood School for Girls remains quite rightly something we can continue to be proud of.

Yours sincerely

Simon Hardwick
Headteacher

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PARTNERSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE – Keeping Bullers Ahead



I am pleased to make a gift to support the Friends of Bullers Wood

Personal Contact Details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS)

Title: First Name: Surname:

Address:

..... Post Code:

Telephone: Email:

Daughter/Son's Name:

Signature: Date:

Gift Aid Declaration

By using Gift Aid you can increase the value of your gift to the School.

- YES, I would like the Friends of Bullers Wood to reclaim the tax from HM Revenue and Customs on my donation and any donations I make in the future.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Please notify the Friends of Bullers Wood if you: want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Standing Order Mandate

To the Manager (Bank)

Bank Address (full postal address):

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Please pay: **Lloyds Bank PLC**

Account Name: **Friends of Bullers Wood School**

Sort Code: **30-91-35** Account No: **03162667**

The sum of £ monthly

Start Date: / / (DD/MM/YY)

and thereafter on the same day of the month until further notice.

My bank sort code: - -

My account no:

My account name:

Signature:

Date:

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018 the information you give us will be kept confidential and will be used for the purpose of your contribution to the school and Friends of Bullers Wood. The information will be stored securely on computer or other relevant filing systems. To view more information regarding the data we collect and how it is used, please refer to our privacy notices on the school website.