



# Beaumont School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Beaumont School Fund

We previously wrote to parents and carers in June 2015 outlining the financial pressures which state-maintained schools currently face. After much discussion and consideration of a fundraising strategy, we presented our ideas to parents and staff at an open meeting in the week before half term. One of the outcomes of these discussions was to fundraise through the Beaumont School Fund.

A number of parents already give regularly, by standing order, to the Beaumont School Association (BSA) School Fund, for which we are immensely grateful. The funds raised are regularly used to support the school's activities across the curriculum. Those standing orders that have already been set up will continue to operate, so that giving can continue through the BSA. However, when the school converted to Academy status in 2012, it also gained charitable status which (among other things) allows it to claim Gift Aid on all charitable donations from tax payers. Given that change, and following discussions with the BSA Committee (who fully support our approach), we now propose that the Beaumont School Fund should be directly managed by the school.

We therefore respectfully request that you consider carefully whether you might be in a position to set up a standing order to make a monthly donation to the Beaumont School Fund to support the work of the school. To set this up, simply complete the form overleaf and return it to the School Finance Office. All monies received will go towards providing the best facilities, teaching and learning for your children. If every family with students at the school were able to donate, it would make an enormous difference, which would directly benefit the students. Donations do not have to be large – for example, only £10 monthly from each family would have a huge impact on our finances and our ability to maintain the quality and quantity of what we do. £10 per student per month would equate to just under £150,000 a year, which would go a long way to addressing the current deficit in our budget.

If you are able to make a donation using Gift Aid, this will allow the school to reclaim from HM Revenue & Customs the tax that you had to pay before it reached your pocket – this amounts to an extra 25p for every £1 donated. Provided that you pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax that is at least equal to the tax deducted from the donation, then the school can reclaim the extra 25p per £1, thereby enhancing your donation.

The school fully recognises that not all parents/carers will be in a position where it is necessarily possible for them to give in this way, either regularly or at all. We do not expect everyone to be able to donate; neither would we ask everyone to do so. Nevertheless, if you feel that your family can afford to support us in this way, we would encourage you to do so, by completing the form attached. In addition to fundraising via the School Fund, there will be plenty of other opportunities to get involved in fundraising activities, and we hope you will be keen to support them.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Hitch (Mrs)  
Headteacher

Alex Hall (Mr)  
Chair of Governors

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**Donation and Gift Aid Declaration Form**

**Donation by Standing Order**

Please enter your bank details:

To: ..... Bank plc / Building Society

Branch Address: .....

Your account details:

Account Name: ..... Account number: ..... Sort Code: .....

I/we would like to make a regular donation by standing order.

Please make monthly payments of (please tick/complete as appropriate):

£10     £20     £30     £50     Other £ .....

I/we would like donations to commence on: ..... (date)

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Please pay from the above account to:  
Lloyds Bank plc, St Albans branch, Sort Code 30-97-25, Account Number: 30318868

**Donation by cheque (made payable to Beaumont School)**

I/we enclose a cheque donation for the sum of £ .....

**Gift Aid Declaration**

Beaumont School is classified as an exempt charity, therefore any charitable donations to Beaumont will be eligible for Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer. This will increase the value of your donation by 25%.

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made for charitable purposes, by ticking the appropriate boxes below.

Today                       in the past 4 years                       in the future

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April – 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that Beaumont School will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Title and full name of donor(s) (in capitals): .....

Address (incl Postcode): .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

*Please return to the School Finance Office*