



Ribston Hall High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

During recent months, it has been made very public both in the press and in the media, that the current funding situation in schools has become both difficult and unsustainable.

Ribston Hall and the Governors have been making savings for a number of years to try to reduce the impact reductions in funding are currently having on our school income. Like many other schools, we have done this so that we can continue to offer the same fantastic experience to our students that we have done previously. However, the point has now come where savings can no longer be made without compromising our offer.

Costs continue to increase, and year on year our funding is not keeping pace with those increases. We are now running at a deficit, which will continue to increase into the future even though our expenditure has been minimised. On top of this, our funding promise for next year is looking like it will be further cut by the local council. This means that we now need to find significant additional funding to assist the everyday running of the school.

We have therefore, made the decision to appeal to you as parents/carers of our students to ask for your help.

A small monthly donation from you can really make that difference. If 50% of parents contributed £5 a month, we would be able to accrue £24,000 a year that would enable us to continue to offer services such as our outstanding pastoral provision.

We promise to use your donation wisely, and report every year to those making donations, how your money has been spent. If you are a UK taxpayer and can Gift Aid your donation, it will increase the amount the school receives by 25%.

Please find attached a Standing order mandate. You can complete the standing order form and return a signed hard copy to school for us to process. Alternatively, if you would like to set up your own Direct Debit online please contact Mrs Woodcock for the school bank details via bursar@ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk You will still need to complete the attached form, so that we have a record of your contribution, and to allow us to claim Gift Aid. In this case you can complete and return by e-mail as we won't need a signed original.

Your daughter/son wouldn't be at Ribston if you did not believe in the education we provide. To allow us to maintain that holistic approach to what we do, please consider supporting us in any way you can. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Colombini
Headteacher

Mrs Lynda Frall
Chair of Governors