



Build Back Better

A new Fund which aims to bring our community together to support St Thomas' school and its pupils



An ambitious and ongoing effort to bring together our community to support our wonderful, community school.

We aim to increase our fundraising effort to help us support all of our pupils, regardless of their background.

From the Executive Head

We are hugely proud of our school, rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. At St Thomas' we foster a kind and open environment within a friendly, community-focussed school where children from different backgrounds can be together and feel safe and happy.



Unfortunately, the current funding crisis continues to threaten UK schools, with **small primary schools suffering the most** through cuts and freezes. As you know, we have been taking proactive steps to expand and improve during these difficult times. We continue to invest in our beautiful building, a breadth of books, and in the arts at which our pupils excel. Our partnership with St Clement and St James has also allowed us to share the benefits of good practice and learning for the benefit of all pupils. Recently, **with the support of generous donations and grant money**, we have been able to invest in our breakfast club, and a new academic mentor who will have a lasting positive impact on all our children. We want to do more, but with budgets continuing to reduce, and increasing cuts threatened, we need more financial support now than ever. We are therefore looking to increase donations from our community, with even more people giving whatever they can in whatever way they can.

If we are to maintain the current provisions for our pupils and expand what we are able to offer, we must come together now as part of a **communal effort**. I hope you will be able to join us to help make the Fund a success.



The Funding Challenges

Why does the school need more support now?

There has been a reduction in funding for state schools since 2010. The government has cut the funding we receive, giving us less to spend on pupils and the school. Grants schools can receive are also subject to cuts; most recently our breakfast club funding has been affected, meaning we have had to find the money ourselves to enable our pupils to have access to a morning meal.

Over the same time, costs for the school have risen. Our increased costs include running costs such as heating and electricity. When the government requests that schools give pay increases for staff, or increase pension contributions, this all needs to be found ourselves out of an increasingly small pot of money.



The Fund

What are donations used for?

The donations we receive through the Fund will be used on school priorities for the benefit of our pupils. These currently include after-school clubs to rebuild pupil confidence and self-esteem, and funding for trips for all. It will support all we can offer our pupils, but also enable us to support our most vulnerable through the provision of additional resources to support learning.



Making a gift that is right for you

We are a school that aims to support the whole community, but we also rely on our community for support. The focus of our new Build Back Better Fund is on a collective effort with everyone considering how they can play a role in the success of the fund and supporting all pupils at our school, both now and in the future.

Please consider making a gift at a level that is right for you and your family, taking your existing commitments into account. Your gifts, alongside those of other parents and members of our community, will enable us to support pupils at our school as much as possible, both now and in the future.

Consider a Monthly Gift	Annual Donation	Over Five Years
£75	£900	£4,500
£50	£600	£3,000
£35	£420	£2,100
£20	£240	£1,200
£10	£120	£600

The table above is an example and we welcome gifts at all levels as well as one-off donations.

If you are a UK taxpayer please remember to tick the Gift Aid box on our pledge form and add 25% to the value of your gift– at no extra cost to you.

For full information and details on giving, please go to our website:
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