

24th April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: The Lymm High School Development Fund

I am writing to inform you about an important initiative we launched last year. The Development Fund aims to build upon existing fund-raising initiatives in order to improve the facilities we have available and, in so doing, further enrich the quality of education your child will receive. Further details of are available on the school website.

We are already blessed with some fantastic facilities at Lymm High School, including our own swimming pool, beautiful sports grounds and the wonderful "Tynny" over in Anglesey. In addition, there are many new capital projects that we would like to undertake - these include a new canteen, refurbished PE changing rooms, a state-of-the-art Performing Arts space, more outdoor seating for students, a 3G football pitch, an additional ICT room and covered bicycle sheds.

However, you may well have seen a number of stories in the local and national press and on television about school funding recently and will therefore be aware that the current situation is extremely tough. Whilst, at Lymm High School, we have managed to make significant efficiency savings without impacting on the quality of provision for students and I do not have any concerns about maintaining a balanced budget for the time-being, the reality is that it has become almost impossible to find the money to fund 'nice to have' capital projects such that those outlined above. As a result, we need to be very pro-active in the face of these pressures and are working hard to try to raise more money for the school.

One potential source of money for the Development Fund comes from parental donations. With this in mind, you will find enclosed a standing order form that allows you to make regular, voluntary donations to the Development Fund. Please note that all donations can be Gift Aided, which allows the school to claim an extra 25% of the sum of your donation at no extra cost to yourself. Following consultation with parents, the suggested amount is £5 per child per month - but we would be very grateful for any amount that you can afford, which may be more or less than this.

If you feel able to contribute, please return the forms along with the other documents in your pack. Putting the starting date for the standing order as September means that payments need not begin before your child joins the school.

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If you would prefer to make a one-off donation, rather than set up a standing order, please contact Mrs Paula Chambers on <a href="mailto:pchambers@lymmhigh.org.uk">pchambers@lymmhigh.org.uk</a> or 01925 755458. **Please** note that any donations to the **Development Fund are entirely voluntary.** 

A large number of parents have already signed up and we are well on the way to being able to re-furbish the PE changing rooms as a result. Your support in helping to develop the quality of education for your child would be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mr G. Williams Headteacher