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Dear parent or carer

You may remember that we established the Lymm High School Development Fund a couple of years ago as a means of raising money to support the development of facilities in the school. A significant number of you have been kind enough to contribute and we are extremely grateful for your support. The money raised so far means that we will soon be able to re-furbish the PE changing rooms — something that desperately needs doing but simply wouldn't be possible without parental donations. Thank you.

Since I last wrote, the funding situation for schools has worsened considerably and looks very unlikely to change any time soon: these are tough times. I am proud of the work we have done to manage the budget efficiently in the face of these challenges, but I am sure you will understand that it is getting harder and harder to do this without impacting on the quality of education we can provide. Like so many other schools do these days, we are therefore writing again to ask for voluntary donations to help ensure our wonderful students continue to get the kind of experience they deserve.

There are three main ways in which you can support the school:

- 1. **Monthly donation by standing order** (n.b. this is our preferred method because it means we have a regular source of income). A standing order form is included with this letter: please return it to Mrs Paula Chambers via Reception or Student Services. If you are reading this letter electronically, you can find the form by <u>clicking here</u>. Thank you again to those of you who already contribute regularly in this way.
- 2. Using **Parent Pay** to make a one-off donation. We have put an item on every Parent Pay account for the Development Fund and it will remain there for a few weeks.
- 3. Using the **My Donate** website to make a one-off donation to our Pitch In campaign: https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/lymmhighschoolparentteacherassociation

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In addition, you might consider signing up for the school lottery, which gives someone associated with Lymm High School the chance of winning weekly cash prizes as well as the automatic chance to win £25,000 in a national draw. Please visit this website if you are interested: https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/lymm-high-school/supporter

If the majority of families can contribute the equivalent of just £5-10 a month, it will make a huge difference to what we can provide for our young people. Even if you cannot spare this much, then we really would be most grateful anything you can afford.

The priority this year is to secure the funding for our 3G pitch bid – something that will benefit all students as well as the wider community now and into the future. However, there are many other projects that we need the money for, including: more dining space to help us reduce queuing times and provide more seating; better facilities for the performing arts; and more ICT equipment for students.

The school continues to go from strength to strength at the moment and I know that we would all hate to see the tremendous progress we have made being put at risk because of a lack of funds. With your support, I am sure we can ensure this is not the case. Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

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