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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: The Lymm High School Development Fund

I am writing to inform you about an important initiative we launched in 2016. 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 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, a 3G football pitch, a state-of-the-art Performing Arts space, more outdoor seating for students, additional ICT rooms and covered bicycle sheds.

However, you may well have seen any number of recent stories in the local and national media about school funding 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 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.

If you would prefer to make a one-off donation, rather than set up a standing order, please contact Mrs Paula Chambers on pchambers@lymmhigh.org.uk or 01925 755458.

A large number of parents have already signed up over the past three years and this has already made a significant difference. For example, were able to refurbish the PE changing

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rooms over Christmas and are currently building a new canopy to provide more dining space – things that we simply would not have been possible without the Development Fund.

You may also be aware that we are currently raising money for a fabulous new '3G' football pitch. This involves a bid to the FA/Football Foundation which, if successful, will fund most of the project - but the school will also need to contribute at least £100,000 and, again, we would not be able to do this without the generous support of parents.

I hope you do not mind us asking but am sure you understand why we are doing so: your support in helping to develop the quality of education for your child and others at Lymm High School would be very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Williams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr G. Williams
Headteacher