

CRAWLEY RIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

The Governing Body wrote to you in the last academic year to let you know about a new charitable fund being created in support of our school, called the CRJS Community Trust, seeking voluntary contributions from parents and friends of the school.

The original letter explaining the background can be found on the Community Trust Fund page of the CRJS website: http://www.crawleyridge.net/page/?title=Community+Trust+Fund&pid=81, but in short, the purpose of the fund is to find new sources of funds to allow the children to access further important teaching and learning tools. It is important to say that contributions to the fund are entirely voluntary and we fully understand many families may not wish to, or be able to, contribute.

We previously suggested a voluntary contribution <u>per family</u> of £20 per term or £60 for the school year, with smaller or larger contributions equally welcome, and we would like to make the same request again. To date, we have received just over £1,200 and we are incredibly grateful for this.

Investing in suitable technology is one of the school's long term strategies to drive outstanding teaching and learning. With an additional contribution from the Trust fund, this can be achieved faster. This is what the school intends to do:

- The current IT suite is to be given a complete overhaul, creating a new flexible learning space, which is being fully funded by the PTA.
- The school's 18 desktop computers in the IT suite are to be redeployed into the classrooms.
- The essential whiteboards in each classroom are being updated, supported by a new wireless network throughout the school. These are funded from the school's small capital budget.
- The final piece is to purchase a suite of laptops to be kept in the new flexible learning space, for use either there or in classrooms. We would like to purchase 18 laptops in 2016 at a cost of £350 each, so an overall target of £6,300. We will start this now by spending the money already received and continue to seek funding for the remainder and this includes our request to parents.

Cheques may be made payable to <u>CRJS Community Fund</u>. A gift aid form and other details are available on the school website, under the Community Trust Fund link above.

Yours sincerely,

David Oakley

Trustee of CRJS Community Trust Acting Chair of Governors













