Bridgewater Primary

Together rain or shine

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Request for voluntary contributions to help keep the school comfortable during extreme weather





Dear Parents and Carers,

At this month's Parent Forum we discussed school funding and many of the parents were surprised to hear that our DfE capital allocation for building maintenance and improvements is less than £9,000 per year.

Our school building is over 50 years old and we are having to work hard to keep it cool in this extreme heat. We have 3 teaching rooms with fixed air conditioning, but the others are being cooled by being ventilated very early in the mornings and using portable air conditioning units and fans. The children are spending limited amounts of time outside, where we are making use of shaded areas and we are making sure that the rooms with fixed air conditioning are fully utilised.

To keep the school cool, we spent almost £3,000 on additional cooling devices this month. At Parent Forum, the reps fed back that parents would like to help us with voluntary contributions for specific things. A parent shared this article with us, encouraging us to ask the school community for donations.
Parents fund aircon for schools as UK heatwave forces classes to end early

Is this something that you could help us with? We are very conscious that extreme weather is likely to become more the norm going forward. Any contributions which you make will help us to use our core school budget funds for continuing to develop and enrich the educational experience of the children and improving the school environment. Please follow this link to our Just Giving Page.

If you are a UK tax payer, we can make your money go further by claiming gift aid on your donation. We are in the process of setting up gift aid for the BSA, but we can currently claim gift aid for donations via The Haven at Bridgewater Just Giving page. This means that we can claim a further 25% on your donation for UK tax payers. If you would like to make a donation, please use our Just Giving Page. Please note that you can scroll down the page and enter a custom amount for Just Giving fees.

If you are a UK tax payer, please also complete this Google form to allow to make the Gift Aid claim on your donation.

Thank you so much for your support. If you need any more information, please contact helen.holmeshiggin@bridgewater.herts.sch.uk

Thank you,

Bridgewater School

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