



# Priory School Committed to Giving

*Our Reference: n/TS/F/School Fund/Committed to Giving*



## New autism facility space

Friends of Priory have helped to fund this new space. Many, many thanks to everyone involved in supporting us in creating our outside space. It is secure, private and provides our students with a much needed sensory outlet. We are currently using the space in order to offer an outside sensory circuit, a private space for PE lessons and a safe environment for break and lunchtime.

Dear Parent or Carer

May 2021

## Priory School – Committed to Giving

We hope that you and your family are keeping safe and managing to adjust as lockdown measures begin to relax and the weather gets a little warmer. The new term will be a very intense one for the school given the huge amount of work required to complete the grading process for Students who are completing courses that require a Centre Assessed Grade. Year 9s have worked hard to complete the option process and confirmation letters will be going out this term.

Changes in the way in which the government allocates funding have resulted in Priory School facing increasing budget uncertainties and lower levels of per pupil funding, so I invite you to consider committing to long term sources of income. Over the past 7.5 years, we have raised an amazing **£68,000** from monthly contributions to the school since we launched this Committed to Giving campaign.

The government has promised more funding to schools, however in the March 2021 budget we saw no additional funding being allocated to schools other than the monies already committed to the catch up fund, tutoring programme and now the summer school programme. Schools have faced so many additional costs as part of reopening to students and staff during the pandemic and the costs are ongoing.

Despite the financial pressures, the school has undertaken a number of projects, made possible by **parental donations** and **additional fundraising** - Last term saw the opening of our new Autism Facility, which is a wonderful resource and Friends of Priory funded the secure outdoor social space next to the Facility.



Our science labs were in desperate need of an update and with help from parent donations to match fund with grants we have been able to refurbish 3 labs and parent donations along with match funding mean we have great new Food Tech rooms.

In the past, we have refurbished 3 science labs but still have 5 more that could benefit from a significant upgrade. In addition, we would like to enhance our IT facilities to enable more students to use IT in their education.

If every parent or carer of a Priory student were to commit to donating a sum of money on a regular basis, we would be much better equipped to meet current and future challenges. Priory School has been able to offer generations of pupils an outstanding environment in which to flourish and we are committed to the futures of our current pupils. We need you, as parents, to help us to provide them with the very best support.

**Please join us in partnership and see if you can make a monthly donation.**

For as little as £1.25 a week (£5 per month) you can make a significant difference, helping to raise a potential **£48,000** each year. If we were to receive £2.50 a week (£10 per month) from each household we would raise **£96,000** a year. These are large sums of money. **Please help us make them real.**

I appreciate that not everyone is able to offer financial assistance and we are also keen to explore other ways that parents/carers might be able to support the school, so please let us know if you can offer any skills or expertise in the short or longer term.

I am passionate about Priory School, your school, as are the entire staff and Board of Governors. Please help us to make it an even better place despite the uncertainties and funding challenges we face.

**Priory works; Let's join together to make it even better!**

Yours sincerely



Tony Smith, Head Teacher

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I pledge to donate a monthly sum of (please tick or fill in your own amount):

£15    £10    £5    £ \_\_\_\_\_

To set up your direct debit please visit our website <http://www.friendsofpriory.org/donate.html> or return the enclosed direct debit form to the address below.

I would prefer to make a single donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your cheque with this form (made payable to 'Friends of Priory School') or visit our website [www.fop-dd.com](http://www.fop-dd.com) and scroll to the PayPal option at the bottom of the page.

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BN7 2XN

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Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay Friends of Priory School Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Friends of Priory School and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my bank/building society.

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