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Dear Parents/Carers

### **BFS Fund - Please help improve our school by contributing to the BFS Fund**

Staff and Governors at BFS are determined to ensure that every student at our school has access to an enriched education with inspiring curricular, and extra-curricular, opportunities. Through our BFS Promise, we offer a huge range of additional opportunities for all our students as they progress through the School.

Funding in schools has been under increasing pressure for several years now and we work tirelessly to provide the best possible experiences for your children. It is increasingly challenging to continue to deliver, and improve on, the additional experiences and opportunities we offer.

The **BFS Fund** helps us provide some of those extras that make all the difference to school life, that we otherwise could not do. BFS Fund is directed towards improving our school environment and adding to our wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities.

Last year, thanks to the BFS Fund, we were able to introduce Shine Sports led lunchtime activities including netball, basketball and football. This has continued this year and is currently available every day for Years 7-9.

This year, BFS Fund will be used to continue to improve social times by adding further activity zones including more table tennis and basketball and we plan to enhance our courtyard areas. We also would like to buy additional resources for our widening extra-curricular clubs offer.

### **What do we ask parents to contribute?**

We suggest £10 a month as a voluntary contribution but if you would like to pay more (or less), we are very happy to receive any amount that parents can afford and think is appropriate. We are also very pleased to receive one-off donations. Any donation will be much appreciated and will make a difference.

### **How to Donate**

Please use our [JustGiving webpage](#). We can then claim Gift Aid on most of the donations which will boost the value.

### **Donating through your Employer**

Many businesses operate a corporate giving scheme to show commitment to their employees and communities. Your employer may offer [matched giving](#), which would mean that we would then benefit from your donation and a top up from your employer, which can be tax effective for them, so please check, if applicable.

### **Friends of Bristol Free School (FoBFS)**

We are grateful to FoBFS who do amazing work to raise money for the school in various ways. Please visit [FoBFS](#) to find out more and/or to sign up for *Easy Fundraising*, which means that every time you do online shopping, the retailer will make a donation to FoBFS on your behalf.



We fully understand that there are significant financial demands on families so we thank you in advance for whatever support you can offer to BFS. It will make a huge difference in many ways to all our students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Su King'.

Su King  
Headteacher

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne-Marie Boyle'.

Anne-Marie Boyle  
Chair of Governors