



# HITCHIN GIRLS' SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Annual Parent Subscription**

As I am sure many of you are aware, the funding that is provided to schools by the Government is never enough to do all that we would wish and the school has to manage the use of these resources appropriately. Our budget has to cover staffing costs, the maintenance of the site and buildings, teaching materials, resources and much more. Unfortunately, the amount that is then available to make improvements and provide new facilities is very limited.

To help the school as we continue to improve the facilities we have, we operate an annual parent subscription scheme. Parents are asked to pay a small annual subscription of £20 at the start of each school year and this contribution will be used towards making further improvements to our school facilities. Over the past five years we have been enhancing our PE and Sports facilities and I am pleased that we have been able to build a new changing facility and classroom and upgrade the netball and tennis courts on our Highbury site, and more recently build a new Sports Hall. The funds received via the parent subscription have helped towards the cost of all these spaces. Looking forward, we will need to pay for replacement equipment and maintenance of playing surfaces on a regular basis as well as continuing to enhance our other facilities.

Payment of the subscription is voluntary but we do hope that most parents and guardians will feel able to support the school in this way. To maximise the amount that we receive the school has established a Charitable Trust, Hitchin Girls' School Charitable Trust, into which the annual subscription is paid, allowing us to operate a Gift Aid scheme and reclaim tax on the donation at no further cost to yourself.

Please follow the link to print the Standing Order Mandate and Gift Aid form and I very much hope that you will complete and return this to the school.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me.

Thank you for your support.



Frances Manning  
Headteacher