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The School Development Fund: *Enhancing our school to ensure all children can achieve their best.*

What is the School Development Fund?

Bury Primary School is a Church of England Voluntary Aided School. This gives us freedoms many other schools do not enjoy, but it also gives us additional responsibilities for which the School's Governors have to find funds. Whilst the majority of our operational funding comes from Government, we are almost entirely reliant on parents and carers to support the financing of infrastructure projects through voluntary contributions to the School Development Fund. This money is held and managed by the Governing Body and has charitable status (allowing us to reclaim gift aid). To access funds from the Diocese Board of Education we need to contribute 10% of the funding.

What is the difference between the School Development Fund and FOBS (Friends of Bury School)?

FOBS and the School Development Fund both work towards achieving the same objective – advancing the education and experience of children in our school. However, the School Development Fund is independent of FOBS funds and its activities. FOBS provides events to enhance the school community, fundraise and facilitate parent participation within the school, whereas the School Development Fund is reliant on donations to maintain and improve the school.

What is the fund for?

- Delivering substantial maintenance and improvements to the School's technology provision, including new computers and the supporting infrastructure.
- Contributions towards important building and maintenance works for the School.

How much should I donate?

Donating is entirely voluntary. However, the more families that contribute the more we can do to support the school's improvement plans. We ask you to consider making a contribution per child per year to the School Development Fund. We know that some parents want to contribute much more and we also know that for some parents, this is too much – so please only give whatever you can afford. All donations are treated confidentially – only the Funds Administrator and School Business Manager are aware of donor details.

How do I donate?

Westburton Lane, Bury, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1HB



If you can, we encourage you to set up a regular monthly donation to the School Development Fund. This spreads the cost for you and helps us to understand our future income and plan major investments. However, please choose the payment method that works best for you:

- Monthly standing order
- One time transfer
- Cheque
- MCAS (Products)

Bank details are:

Lloyds Bank: Bury C of E School (Governors)

Account number: 01681258

Sort Code: 30-95-09

How can I donate tax efficiently?

If you are a UK taxpayer you can make your donation go 25% further through Gift Aid at no extra cost to you. Remember, if you are a higher-rate taxpayer, you can claim tax relief on charitable donations. If you donate £6.00 the school can claim a further £1.25 in gift aid if you have completed the gift aid form.

How can I find out more?

If you would like to discuss the School Development fund, future improvement projects, or how to pay, please contact the Funds Administrator, Mrs A Atkins on aatkins@bury.school or School Business Manager, Mrs D Clark on office@bury.school. More information can be found on the school website.

Thank you for supporting our school.

The Governing Body