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Dear Parents/Carers

### **BFS Fund – Please help improve our school by contributing to the new School 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 with less resources. To continue to deliver and improve on the additional experiences and opportunities we offer is increasingly challenging.

With this in mind, we are re-launching the BFS Fund to help us provide some of those extras that make all the difference to school life, that we otherwise may not afford. BFS Fund will go towards improving our school environment and sustaining our wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities. Initiatives include:

- Improvement of social spaces eg landscaping and outdoor furniture and equipment for social times
- Grounds development projects such as sports spaces and outside environmental classroom/garden
- Collapsed curriculum days and visiting agencies.
- Special visitors/speakers/authors
- Performing Arts workshops and visiting theatre groups
- Additional/specialist Arts, Crafts & Technology materials
- Resources for extra-curricular clubs and activities such as Gardening club
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) activities

#### 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 Gift Aid 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 hugely grateful to FoBFS who do amazing work to raise money and source donations for the school in various ways. Please visit [FoBFS](#) to find out more and/or to sign up for their *Easy Fundraising* fund raising page, 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

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Mrs S King  
Headteacher

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

Mrs A Boyle  
Chair of Governors