



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

November 2018

Dear Parents,

## Parents' Gift Aid Scheme 2018

We are delighted that you have chosen St. Aidan's Church of England High School for your child's post-16 education, especially so this year given that we are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the school.

As you are aware, as a Church of England School, St. Aidan's enjoys a distinctive status among other secondary schools in the area. You may also know that St. Aidan's is an Academy and as such our Gift Aid Scheme, which has been in place since 1968, continues to be absolutely essential to enable us to pay some of our building costs and maintain a high quality environment in the school.

Even in a large school like St. Aidan's, funding has never been tighter. We remain hugely ambitious for our school and hence for your child's education. St. Aidan's has gone through massive changes in recent years and much of the school has been rebuilt, and this has only been possible because of parental generosity. There is an urgent need for us to replace the temporary classrooms that are long past their useful life and to update, maintain, repair and raise the standard of the rest of the school.

Recently the following projects have been undertaken, all supported by the Gift Aid Scheme.

- Replacement of the school's minibus
- Construction of a dedicated Independent Learning Centre
- Refurbishment of pupil toilets in the Language Corridor

The Governors have decided to invite each family to make a monthly donation for their son or daughter, subject of course to being able to afford to do so. Whilst we would prefer to receive monthly donations, yearly or one off donations are also welcome.

Can we at this point reassure you that such donations are entirely voluntary and confidential, and are not known to anyone other than the Finance administration team and HMRC.

If you are a taxpayer, you can make your contribution to the school more valuable by completing the enclosed Gift Aid Declaration, which will add 25% to the value of your donation at no extra cost to yourself.

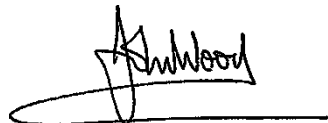
The Governors and staff are committed to providing the best possible education for your son or daughter within an outstanding learning environment. We would very much appreciate your help in this task. Whilst we would prefer to receive gifts by banker's order, a donation by cheque will also benefit from the legislation providing you complete the Gift Aid declaration enclosed.

If you have any queries about this scheme, please contact the Finance Manager ([finance@staidans.co.uk](mailto:finance@staidans.co.uk)) at school. Thanking you in anticipation of your generous support of the work at St. Aidan's.

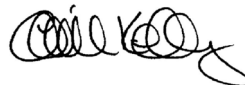
We would be grateful if you tick one of the options and return the slip below.

If you already contribute to the scheme for your child, please accept our apologies for the request and you may ignore this letter.

Yours sincerely



John Wood  
Executive Headteacher



Claire Kelley  
Chair of Governors

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**Please return to the Finance Office at St. Aidan's as soon as possible.**

Name of student:.....Form: 12{.....}.

Please find enclosed:

A completed Gift Aid declaration form

A completed Banker's Order for

Amount of donation

£10 / £20 / £50 / other £\_\_\_\_\_

Frequency monthly/annually

*Please circle the frequency and amount you wish to donate. You are of course welcome to specify another amount.*

I am not able to donate at this time

**\*Please tick one of the options so that our records can be updated.**

Please return to:

The Finance Office

St. Aidan's CE High School, Oatlands Drive, Harrogate, HG2 8JR