



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2016

Dear Parents,

## Parents' Gift Aid Scheme 2016

We are delighted that you have chosen St. Aidan's Church of England High School for your child's education. 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 continues to be absolutely essential to enable us to pay some of our building costs and maintain a high quality environment in the school.

The Gift Aid Scheme at St. Aidan's has been in operation since the school's foundation in 1967. 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 refurbish several areas of the school in order to bring them up to the standard of the rest of the school. that are in need of updating, maintenance, repair and bringing up to the standard of the rest of the school. These areas include the top floor of the English block, the annexes adjacent to Bede House and a number of other classrooms around the school. Furthermore, the Astroturf synthetic sports pitch is being replaced in the forthcoming year. Recently the following projects have been undertaken, all supported by the Gift Aid Scheme.

- Reception redesign and development
- New windows and refurbishment of a number of History classrooms
- Creation of a study facility on the first floor of Bede House
- Refurbishment of communal areas

The Governors have decided to invite each family to make a donation for their son or daughter of between £72 and £120 per year, subject, of course to your being able to afford these amounts. If you prefer to contribute monthly, we would suggest a donation of between £6 and £10 per month. **Can I at this point reassure you that such donations are entirely voluntary, entirely confidential and not known to anyone other than the Finance administration team.**

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.

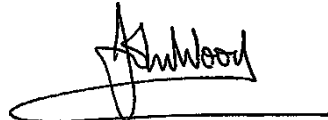
The Governors and staff are committed to providing the best possible education for your son or daughter within an outstanding learning environment. We would very much appreciate your help in this task. Whilst we would prefer to receive gifts by banker's order, a donation by cheque will also benefit from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

Headteacher: Mr J Wood

If you have any queries about this scheme, please contact the Bursar 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.

Yours sincerely



John Wood  
Headteacher



Claire Kelley  
Chair of Governors

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**Please return to the Finance Office at St. Aidan's as soon as possible  
and, preferably by 23<sup>rd</sup> October latest.**

Name of student:.....Form:.....

Please find enclosed:

A completed Gift Aid declaration form

A completed Banker's Order

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