



Dear Parents,

I am sure you are aware from media cover that over the last few years there has been a severe lack in funding for primary education. Unfortunately, this situation continues to worsen and the funding allocation for 2019.20 has meant we have had to continue with a number of cuts to our provision this year and the outlook for the next couple of years is no better.

However, we are very fortunate to have Governors and a staff that are totally dedicated to GlenCraig and who continue to work hard to ensure the cuts that we have had to make have minimal impact on the pupils. They will continue to take this approach.

We are also very fortunate to have parents who have always supported us by devoting their time, their skills and also supported us financially through the PTA and School Fund. Thank you so much. That financial support has in the past allowed us to provide what we would have considered the nice "extras". However, now **that money is enabling us to buy what we would consider essentials.**

School Fund and PTA contributions are voluntary and I know that there are those who believe that parents should not be paying for what is a public service. That is a valid point however without that financial support the cuts that we are having to make will be deeper and will impact further on both pupils and staff. I would therefore ask you to please consider contributing to the school fund.

As in previous years this can be paid in full in September or in instalments and below is only a suggested amount.

This year school fund can be paid online. We will send a text message to let you know that the online payment for School Fund is open. As I say you can pay in one go or instalments, as and when you feel comfortable. We have suggested termly but you may wish to pay monthly or half termly. It is totally up to you. We will send a similar text at the start of each term. You can check your online payment account at any time – no need to check with Mrs Jackson if you have already paid!

**We fully appreciate that these are difficult financial times. We would ask that you only contribute what you feel able to. The amounts below are suggested amounts.**

**Option 1 (If only one child at GlenCraig IPS)**

**£20.00 per term or £60 for the year.**

**Option 2 (If more than one child at GlenCraig IPS)**

**£40 for term 1, £30 for term 2 & £30 for term 3 or £100 for the year.**

If making a donation could you please complete the Gift Aid Declaration attached if you haven't already done so. By doing so the PTA can claim back 25p in every pound to add to the School Fund. If you are a UK taxpayer, signing the declaration should cost nothing but it greatly increases the financial benefit to the school.

Thank you in anticipation of your continuing generosity and support. It is very much appreciated by pupils and staff.  
Yours sincerely,

Shaunagh McKirgan  
Principal & Secretary to the Board of Governors