



Dear Parent/Guardian

Elmridge Trust Fund

The Governing Body of Elmridge recognises that future financial Government support will fail to meet the expenditure levels of this school. Initiatives such as Information Technology throughout school, required hours of sport within the primary sector and legal release time for teaching staff (PPA) are only partly funded at most! For these reasons, we feel that in order for Elmridge to be able to fulfil its potential, long term financial planning should be accurately structured.

The PTA provides fabulous support for the children at Elmridge, such as the new play ground equipment and interactive white boards within the classrooms. They also support all school day trips with a payment of £300 per term; this makes a great difference to the overall cost. They work extremely hard to provide social opportunities for parents' staff and pupils.

As Headteacher I believe that the children deserve the very best and hence Trafford's Sport Development Officer teaches Multiskills within school one and a half days per week at a cost of £6000 per year. Our ICT suite has a maintenance cost of £3000 per year, which is also met by Gift Aid. Zen internet is the 'net nanny' that monitors our computer system and protects your children. None of this would be possible without a substantial contribution from donations to our Trust Fund.

In the current economic climate, school budgets continue to be stretched, and to enable this school to maintain standards, yet alone build for the future, we very much need additional financial support.

To this end, Elmridge operates a School Trust Fund, which is a registered charity and is managed separately to the PTA, but has the same aims of providing funds for the benefit of all pupils at Elmridge Primary School.

The advantage of the School Trust Fund is that it allows **both** Elmridge and the parent/donor to claim a tax rebate on any donation given, due to the Trust's charitable status.

This means for example that a donation of £120 per year, Elmridge can claim an additional £30 in the form of Gift Aid, and the donor can also claim a rebate on their own tax forms at the level of tax they pay.

The Gift Aid form only needs to be completed once and requires only the name of the donor and confirmation that they are a UK tax payer.

If you are not already a Gift Aid donor, I hope that you will join our scheme, and help to enrich the educational life of your child whilst at Elmridge School.

I realise that not every parent will be in a position to help financially, but I would ask you to consider donating anything from as little as £5 - £10 a month – it would make a colossal difference!

Gift Aid forms are available from the school office, or on the school website: www.elmridge.trafford.sch.uk

With thanks for your continued support

Best Wishes

Mrs J Appleyard

Headteacher

