

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you are as delighted as me to see the announcement that school meals will continue to be provided free of charge until July 2025. This means all children get access to a free hot meal which is excellent and saving families on average £440 per year. We are however seeing an ever-increasing number of families within the school community who are really struggling financially and we really like to be able to support those families with the cost of trips, experiences and emergency funding. So, we would like to set up a donation opportunity for those parents who could afford to pay for meals, but for the next year at least will not have to, therefore helping us to support those most vulnerable in our school community.

If you are in a position to make a donation, we set out details below on how to make payments to Sandalls, the PTA. We ask for payments to be made to the PTA as it is a registered charity and if you are a UK taxpayer the school will receive an additional 25% on top of the donation.

Any funds received from these donations will be earmarked for the purposes set out above.

In addition to occasional emergency financial support, this allows us to support the cost of experiences such as:

School journey (cost per pupil £350)

Year 3 Camping Trip (cost per pupil £50)

Year 1 sleepover (cost per pupil £10)

It also allows us to fund other support where needed, such as a uniform pack for new pupils (£50), providing them with essentials such as book bags etc.

How can you donate to us:

Payroll giving

Many employers offer some form of payroll giving (Give-As-You-Earn) – through organisations such as Charities Aid Foundation. This allows you to request a donation to be made from your salary to a registered charity – usually as a recurring monthly amount. Please ask your employer if you are unsure if this is offered or not.

Donations are deducted before tax is applied. This means we get more and it costs you less.

All you should need to set this up is the name and charity number:

Charity name: PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF SANDHURST SCHOOL

Charity number: 1047591

One off or regular donation to the PTA

Alternatively, donations can be made directly to the PTA bank account, either through a one off bank transfer, or by setting up a standing order, and completing a gift aid declaration form.

To make a donation please make a payment to the following account:

Account name: Parent Association of Sandhurst School

Sort code: 60-04-36

Account number: 14615525

To allow us to claim gift aid on your donation, please complete this simple gift aid form:

<https://forms.gle/puXty4ZoCkBg79Kx8>

Please note that this allows us to top up donations by an extra 25% at no cost to you. If you are a higher rate taxpayer, it also entitles you to claim higher rate tax relief on any donations (which reduces the tax you pay), through your tax return, personal tax account or through writing to HMRC.

To help us track and manage donations, it would be helpful if you could let us know that you have made a donation (and the amount) via email to: sandallspta@gmail.com

Matched Funding

Some of your employers may offer a Matched Funding or Matched Giving scheme which broadly means they will match all or some of the donations made to a specific initiative provided you are involved in some way. If your employer offers this scheme and you are keen to get involved with one of our events, please contact us via email so that we can reach out to you to discuss directly - sandallspta@gmail.com

If you have any questions in relation to the above, please send an email to the Sandalls email address above.

Kind regards

Sandalls PTA