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Dear Parents/Carers

Raising funds from the school community for the school community!

I'm sure you're as delighted and proud as I am at the improvements we have achieved together here at Pittville over the past 7 years. Improvements which our Ofsted inspection in 2015 endorsed, and which are reflected in the increasing numbers of parents positively choosing Pittville as their secondary school of choice.

The needs of our students are at the heart of everything we do

But as many of you will be aware schools up and down the country face severe financial constraints – and Gloucestershire schools face the toughest. That's why this year, I would like to build on the school's progress and success by making fundraising one of the key priorities for the school as part of our wider school development plan. And of course, to do this I need your support.

Let's set up a school fund for a better learning environment for all

We have introduced a School Fund that will only be used to help the school community. It's something that many other schools do to great effect. My hope is that as many parents and carers *who are able to*, will contribute a few pounds to this fund each month to benefit students here at Pittville.

How we could spend our School Fund

The funds raised *won't* be spent to assist in the provision of things normally provided by the Local Education Authority. They will be used to provide many 'extra's which could enhance students' learning experience. These are my priorities:

- create more social spaces for students
- create multi-use games areas
- fund outdoor table tennis tables and table football facilities
- support bids from faculties such as Design Technology, Performing Arts and PE
- continue to improve ICT facilities.

If you would like to make a regular contribution to Pittville's School Fund, please complete the enclosed standing order mandate and return it to the school. I would be very grateful if you choose to support our school in this way, but I appreciate that not all parents can afford to contribute, and I don't want any parent or carer to feel pressured into doing so. Thank you so much.

Get involved with the Friends of Pittville School (FOPS)

Contributing to our School Fund is just one of the ways you can support our school. We have an active group of parents who in the last year have put on a number of events which have been fun for the whole school family. If you would like to know more about how you can get involved with Friends of Pittville School, please contact them on achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk



A lottery that supports our school and gives you the chance to win prizes!

Alongside our fundraising plan, the Friends of Pittville School are also launching a fun and exciting way to support our school – the Pittville School Lottery, with the first draw just in time for Christmas. It costs as little as £1 week to enter and there will be a guaranteed cash prize winner every week. It's really easy to join in and to make a difference, visit www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/pittville-school

By working together and each of us doing our bit, I know we can make this anniversary year another landmark one in Pittville's journey. I will ensure that you are kept updated with our various fundraising efforts – and how your support is making a difference. And please, if you have any concerns or questions about our fundraising, write to me or the Chair of Governors, care of the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



R Gilpin
Headteacher

PS Please complete the enclosed standing order form if you can. Every pound of your regular gift will help our school and our students. Thank you so much.