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Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Crowther

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Dear Mr Winter

We were very pleased to hear about the opportunity that has arisen from the sale of the Priestthorpe Annexe with regard to how the sale can benefit education in Bingley.

As you will be aware the Government have changed the way that money will be allocated to schools. The amount that Myrtle Park will receive per pupil is forecast to reduce significantly - This means that in 2019/20 Myrtle park will see a £55,000 reduction on its current budget of £1,000,000 - that's around £250 per child. As you can appreciate the school is facing significant financial challenges as a result of this situation. With this in mind we would be very grateful for any contribution from the trustees.

I would, however, like to outline some projects that may be of interest to you and would be of great benefit to our children.

1. Outdoor Areas

- a. An area requiring urgent attention is outdoor provision in Early Years and Keys Stage 1. In order to re-organise this provision and ensure it is fit for purpose in meeting curriculum requirements, £6500 would fund a Play house, fencing, decking, a mud kitchen and planters which would really transform this outdoor area.
- b. We have also had a quote for an outdoor classroom and shelter for Key Stage 2 at £6500.

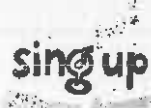
These 2 outdoor projects would impact on all of our children across school. However project a. would be the priority.

2. Teaching and Learning

Lack of funds has prevented us from replenishing much needed resources and books across school. We would be grateful for any kind of contributions towards extending our Maths resources (text books, practical resources to support learning) extending our Reading scheme books and other curriculum resources/experiences for our children.

3. Redecoration of 2 cloakrooms, signage in the hall

We redesigned our main entrance and Cloakroom for years 5 and 6 last year. We would like to do the same in the two other cloakrooms, alongside displaying our vision statements in our school hall. This is not an "essential" in school, but would be a real lift to our environment. This impacts greatly on the children's pride in their school and in staff morale by working in a professional environment. The cost for our last project was around £4,000 so I would anticipate this being around £8,000.



4. Teaching Assistant

Funding a Teaching Assistant would also be of great benefit to our school and have huge impact on pupil progress. £30,000 would fund this resource for 3 resource years.

Over recent years our school has had to carry out two financial restructures. Staff have been made redundant and there have been many contractual changes to address deficit budget projections / positions. In addition to this our school receives very little Pupil Premium funding and is still stand alone - we are not part of a collaborative or a Multi-academy trust, so currently don't benefit from joint buying power and economies of scale.

Any contribution from the sale will be very gratefully received.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors