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Dear Parents/Carers

At The Castle School, we offer a very wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular provision in sports. Last academic year the department had 89% of the school participate in the school's provision.

Our aim has always been to ensure that all children participate in enrichment and the school continues to fund activities where possible. However, we have had significant cuts in the budget over the past few years and are now forced to ask parents for a voluntary contribution to help maintain the richness and variety of sports on offer after school. If every family donated £15 per annum (or for one child only £10) we could sustain our current offer. This does not pay teachers' salaries, as their time is given for free, but it helps pay for additional coaches, fixture costs and hire of equipment.

Thank you very much to those of you who donated last year. With the money raised, the school has been able to employ coaches in archery, long sword club, tennis and trampolining as well as a supervisor for the fitness suite and to fund other support for the enrichment programme such as the improvements to the school's fitness suite. We would not have been able to do this without your valuable contributions.

We will not keep a record of donations, they are voluntary and no child will be refused a place on an activity if you decide not to donate.

Donations can be made on Arbor via School Shop/Products/Sports Donations, in multiples of £5; to donate more than £5 please change the quantity ordered (eg for £15 select a quantity of 3). All support is very gratefully appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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