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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, we offer a very wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular provision, particularly in sports, at The Castle School.

Our aim has always been to ensure that all children participate in enrichment and the school continues to fund activities where it can. 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 and purchase of equipment. Any surplus funding will enable us to extend our offer of clubs/activities etc which will, of course, benefit even more students.

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 fencing, tennis and archery, as well as a supervisor for the fitness suite and to fund other support for the enrichment programme. We would not have been able to do this without your valuable contributions.

We will not keep a record of donations and, of course, if you wish to donate more than £15 we would be delighted. This is voluntary and no child will be refused a place on an activity if you decide not to make a donation.

Yours sincerely



**Mr R Jones**  
**Head of PE Department**

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**TO BE RETURNED TO THE FINANCE OFFICE**

Please accept our donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ towards enrichment activities at The Castle School.

Name (optional) .....

Donations can be made online/over the telephone or in person by credit/debit card or by cheque (made payable to 'The Castle School').