

GIVE TODAY FOR THEIR TOMORROW

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations! Your child is joining St. George's School and your family will become part of the St. George's family! I am a St. George's parent and Chair of the Cecil Grant Founder's Trust (CGFT). The Founder's Trust is a School charity, run by a group of volunteer trustees, which raises funds from the generous donations of St. George's families. In 2021 we celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Trust. We raise, and donate, about £140,000 per year to the School, to pay for all sorts of essential items that enhance your child's education.

It's straightforward, we request that new families sign up to make a monthly donation by direct debit to the Founder's Trust. In these difficult times, the School needs these donations even more. St George's was the Sunday Times 'Comprehensive School of the Year 2019' and we believe this is in no small part due to the support our families provide, in all its forms. The suggested donation is £15 per child per month, but we are extremely grateful to receive any contribution that you are able to make.

What sets us apart as a Trust is that we give the money we raise to the school almost instantly. We make 6 payments per year, so on average, two per term, meeting immediate requirements. Our ethos is to spend the money as we receive it, so whatever you donate will be spent on your child that year. The school have come to depend on this income stream. The regularity of payment allows us to predict the funds, and allows the school to plan, cost-effectively, how that money is spent. It is a proactive and very efficient way of supporting the school and your child.

Attached is a 'postcard' with some further information about our charity, and a direct debit form. Please return a completed **paper copy** of this form to the School (electronic/emailed copies will not be accepted by banks).

If you already have a child at St. George's please consider increasing your current donation. You can do so simply by emailing our Treasurer, Jennie Griffiths on cgft@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk.

We look forward to meeting you at the New Parents' Evening.

Kind regards



Jane Hyman
Chair & Trustee of The Founder's Trust