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Dear Parents,

We are incredibly proud of our school and the rich, nurturing environment we provide for every child at Welford. Our aim has always been not only to deliver excellent academic outcomes, but also to ensure that every child benefits from a wide range of opportunities that support their wellbeing, creativity and personal development.

However, like many schools, we continue to face significant financial pressures. The funding we receive from the government is designed to cover the basics of running the school and currently provides £6,978 per year for building maintenance—a sum which, as you can imagine, stretches only so far in maintaining and improving our school environment.

### **Exciting developments at Welford**

We are pleased to share that we are about to begin an exciting building project that will further enhance our provision for children. This includes:

- Transforming the existing staff room into a modern kitchen facility by installing a new on-site cooking kitchen, allowing meals to be freshly prepared in school,
- Creating two new library areas to improve accessibility and promote a love of reading,
- Refurbishing the current library into a dedicated staff space.

These developments will significantly improve both the quality of food provision for pupils, make further improvements to the learning environment for children and the working environment for staff. Alongside this, we remain committed to enhancing outdoor areas, developing Forest School provision, and continuing to enrich the wider school experience.

### **Governors' Fund**

To help us sustain and build on these opportunities, we are asking our school community to consider contributing to the Welford Governors' Fund.

### **What has the Governors' Fund supported so far?**

Since its introduction, the Governors' Fund has made a meaningful difference to the school environment. Contributions have supported projects such as the installation of air conditioning units and the redesign of the KS2 boys' toilets — improvements that have significantly enhanced the day-to-day experience for pupils and supported better conditions for learning throughout the year.

*Creating, Achieving, Respecting, Everyone, Safely*

Importantly, the fund has also been used as a longer-term savings pot, enabling us to contribute to larger, more ambitious developments. One such project is the installation of our new kitchen. This is something we have aspired to for several years. While we have explored a range of external funding opportunities, this project ultimately needs to be largely self-funded, and the Governors' Fund plays a crucial role in making it possible.

### **A heartfelt thank you**

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to the many families who have already supported the Governors' Fund over the years. Your generosity has already made a real difference to our school environment and to the experience of the children every day.

It is thanks to your ongoing support that we have been able to invest in important improvements and begin to plan for larger projects such as our new kitchen. Your contributions—whether large or small, regular or one-off—are truly valued and appreciated, and we are incredibly grateful for the commitment you have shown to our school community.

### **Friends of Welford (FOWS)**

While our wonderful FOWS community continues to raise valuable funds through events, this alone is not enough to support longer-term improvements and investment in the school.

### **How you can help**

We are inviting families to consider making a voluntary contribution to the Governors' Fund.

As a guide, we suggest a contribution of £10 per month per family, but we fully appreciate that circumstances differ, and any amount—large or small—would be very gratefully received. Contributions can be made regularly or as a one-off donation.

Even a modest level of regular giving across the school community can make a significant difference.

### **A shared investment in our school**

This fund is entirely about enhancing what we can offer to your children—now and in the future. With your support, we can continue to:

- Provide inspiring and engaging learning environments
- Invest in meaningful improvements to our school
- Ensure Welford remains a place where all children thrive

We will, of course, keep you updated on how the fund is used so you can see the direct impact of your generosity.

If you feel able to contribute, please complete the attached form or follow the instructions attached.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

With kind regards,



Sally Yates  
Chair of Governors