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Dear Parents

I am writing to you to ask you to consider contributing to the **RGS Activities Fund**. The Fund exists to provide money for non-core activities the school undertakes which are *not* funded out of central government grants made for education.

Activities which the fund supports include travel costs for sporting fixtures, our monthly hire of the mini-bus, production costs of music and drama productions that are not met by ticket sales, and general subsidies applied to trips to reduce costs for all and for individuals in hardship. The Fund ensures that every student benefits in some small way and it helps the school to run a rewarding and varied programme which I believe is a real strength of an RGS education.

Without the Fund we would have to curtail or stop some or all of these activities. By way of example, this year to date the school has spent £14,000 on supporting 173 sports fixtures, (over 7 matches per week) in 10 different sports including swimming, football, rugby, netball, hockey, cross country and basketball. Countless students have taken part.

Unfortunately, our current costs exceed contributions to the Fund which is supported by approximately 5% of RGS parents. Without additional donations, preferably with gift aid, we will have to either curtail sports fixtures and trip subsidies or make individual charges to students travelling to fixtures or increase ticket sale prices etc.

As a result, I am appealing to all parents to contribute to the Fund to ensure we can continue to support the rich and varied co-curricular programme. I am aware that family finances are being eroded considerably now more than ever, after 2 years of the pandemic and as a result of rising inflation and specifically energy costs. The latter will also have a severe impact on school finances too.

Nevertheless, after 2 years of disrupted education, there has never been a more appropriate time to invest in the co-curricular opportunities of our students and I would ask you to consider either a one-off donation [which can be made via Parent Pay] or a regular monthly standing order. No matter how small the donation it would be gratefully appreciated.

If you do wish to set up a regular payment, please complete the form found here, which also gives details on gift aid and the setting up of a standing order [Ripon Grammar School General Fund \(office.com\)](#)

Please accept my sincere thanks if you currently make a monthly donation and to those who will now choose to make a donation of behalf of all students.

Best wishes

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