



9th September, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child has settled into the new academic year. As we begin another year at St Bernard's Primary School, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support, especially through last year's voluntary contribution initiative. Your generosity made a real and tangible difference to our pupils' learning experiences. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to invest in a range of valuable resources and programmes, including:

- Licences for Lexia, Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Maths Seeds, providing personalised support and enrichment in Literacy and Numeracy.
- The delivery of well-being and resilience programmes across the school, including Aware NI (PAWS B and My Mind & Me), Relax Kids and REACH.
- Calm Boxes have been provided in every classroom and are stocked with a range of sensory and regulation resources.
- The replenishment of Accelerated Reader (AR) books, helping to promote a love of reading and improve literacy outcomes.
- The replenishment of sports equipment to enhance PE lessons and support whole-school events such as Sports Day.

These investments have had a highly positive impact, enhancing the quality of teaching and learning while also strengthening the well-being and resilience support available to our pupils. As a result, we are better equipped to meet the diverse needs of our children and provide a rich, engaging and supportive educational environment.

To continue building on this progress, we are again kindly requesting a voluntary contribution for the 2026-2027 academic year, however we would like to highlight that there is no obligation to make any contribution; and registered pupils at the school will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have made any contribution.

As before, we are suggesting:

- £50 per child/eldest child
- £20 per additional child

This contribution will help us maintain and expand access to essential resources, enrichment programmes, and classroom materials. Payments can be made via School Money, where the default amount will be set at £50. You are welcome to adjust this amount to reflect your preferred contribution.

We understand that not every family may be in a position to contribute, and we deeply appreciate any support you can offer. Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps us provide the best possible educational experience for our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Maguire".

Jenni Maguire

(Principal)