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**Mr D Cooper
Principal**

23rd September 2016

Dear Parent/ Carer

Parental Voluntary Contributions

As you are no doubt aware, Cambridgeshire schools are some of the most poorly funded schools in the country. To combat this, we are very proactive in securing additional funding by identifying and applying for grants and other funding streams in order for us to continue to improve our school infrastructure. However, finding these funding streams is becoming more difficult and they are increasingly competitive resulting in less frequent success and smaller grants being awarded.

Across the country, it is common practice for schools to ask for voluntary contributions to help fund various developments. To this end, at Bassingbourn Village College, we annually make a request at the start of the year to help offset the cost of particular materials and resources.

As prices for consumable items continue to rise and budgetary restrictions continue, it is becoming increasingly difficult to deliver the most effective learning and teaching programmes without voluntary contributions from parents. In particular, design technology, science and art and design use consumable materials such as wood, plastic, metal, clay and fabric.

I am therefore writing to ask if you would make a voluntary contribution towards these consumable items and the continued improvement of our ICT provision. We are looking to purchase some more laptops and would like to purchase another twenty devices (£450 each) to enable more students to utilise this resource enabling independent learning during break, lunch and after school as well as being available for students to use in lesson time when in the learning resource area.

If you wish to make a contribution please either send a cheque or use the BACS details below. Please can you identify this payment with your name and VC (voluntary contribution). The school would also benefit from you completing the attached Gift Aid declaration form as we can reclaim 25p of tax on every £1. If you are able to complete this form, please return it to the Finance Office.

Cheques payable to: Bassingbourn Village College

BACS: Sort code: 20-17-19 Account number 20638439 (please identify this payment with your name and VC)

Many thanks for your continued support of Bassingbourn Village College.

Yours sincerely

D Cooper
Principal

Att: Gift Aid declaration form



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Bassingbourn Village College Gift Aid Declaration

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) (Please delete as appropriate)

Surname (Block Capitals):

Christian Name (Block Capitals)

Address (Block Capitals)

.....**Postcode**

I want the above Charity to treat all past donations and all donations I will make in the future until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations.

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... to Bassingbourn Village College

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

THIS DECLARATION MUST BE IN ONE NAME ONLY

Signature: **Date**