



# St Mary's Primary School, Greenlough

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Dear Parents

I am sure you are all aware of the financial constraints that have been placed on schools in recent years. Following the widespread media coverage this week and a letter received by our school from Sarah Long, EA Chief Executive, there is no doubt that we face very challenging times ahead. The overall lack of funding and continuous cuts experienced by our school has created an impossible position for us to purchase essential resources. Therefore, we are reaching out to our school community for financial support to purchase much needed ICT teaching and learning resources.

Our current Interactive White Boards and laptops are very old and out of date. They do not hold the capacity for updates and breakdown on a regular basis. The overall cost of replacing all items is approximately £25,000. Unfortunately, our budget allocation does not stretch to purchasing these much-needed resources as the overall cost of six touch screen boards alone is approximately £15,000. Therefore, our goal is to secure funding to buy new interactive touch screen boards for six classrooms. Following our PTA meeting this week we have drafted a plan to accumulate approximately half of the total amount.

School Funds	£2,640 *money carried over from last year*
Family Donations	£2,640 *Term 2 contributions via parentmail-£20 per family
Family Donations	£2,640 *Term 3 contributions via parentmail-£20 per family
<b>Total</b>	<b>£7,920</b>

**£7,080** is our target amount that we intend on achieving through private sponsorship & fund-raising events that are scheduled to take place later in the year. If you are associated with a private business or business group and would like to make a donation, please contact Mr Meehan [mmeehan763@c2kni.net](mailto:mmeehan763@c2kni.net)

An 'Awards for All' grant application has been submitted in an attempt to secure £10,000 for laptops. The laptops will then be used as part of an after-school's community project. We will notify parents on the outcome of the application in due course.

Our school did not ask for family donations towards school funds for term one as we are aware of the financial pressure's families are under as we continue to live through the cost-of-living crisis. We do not wish to create further financial pressures on families however, if you are in a position to make a donation of **£20 per term** it will be greatly appreciated and go directly to the cost of the equipment. If you would like to make a smaller or larger donation, please feel free to do so. All donations are anonymous.

We continue to work closely with our local GAA club, and we plan on organising a 5k/10k race that will attract people from the wider community. This will be a full day community event with entertainment, food & refreshments on offer – further details to follow.

Finally, a 'Go Fund Me' page for past pupils and the wider community will be created to provide an opportunity to make a financial contribution to our school. Parents are encouraged to make payment via parentmail and not through 'Go Fund Me' however, we will encourage parents to share on social media, a text will be sent notifying parents of when this is possible.

The total amount of money donated to school this year from non-uniform days and the 'Split the Pot' fundraising is **£1,677**. This money has allowed us to maintain day-to-day classroom resources such as pencils, white board markers, chalk pens, exercise books etc.

Our school is the heartbeat of our community. We must continue to ensure our children are given the best opportunities in life to reach their full potential, therefore I am appealing for your support. If we continue to work together as a community, we can continue to create an environment where our children will flourish.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours Sincerely

*M. Meehan*

**Mr M. Meehan** (*Principal*)