



William Perkin
C of E
High School

Welcome from the Chair of the Local Governing Body

The entrance showing the new Wilf Slack Cricket Centre signage.



Dear Parent/Carer,

A warm welcome to you on behalf of your Governing Body at William Perkin! We are so pleased to be able to meet you in person this summer – and, of course, through the coming year.

The Governors are really the eyes and ears for you, for the local community, and for the Twyford Academies Trust. We include representatives elected from staff and parents, a local authority representative – in fact your Ward Councillor for Greenford Green, Aysha Raza, representatives of the London Diocesan Board for Schools and local Deanery and co-opted members, including a senior member of staff from our neighbour, Harrow School. I'm the Bishop of Willesden's nominee and was a Headteacher and, before that, Deputy Head at Twyford CE High School. So we bring a very varied range of experience to our work with the school.

I also represent William Perkin on the Twyford Academies Trust Board. We benefit in many ways from the strength the Trust gives us. The Board made the decision, with us at William Perkin, to create our new Sixth Form study centre. During this year, our link with the England and Wales Cricket Board – the ECB - and the MCCC has resulted in the opening of the Wilf Slack Centre, turning our sports hall into a centre for cricketing excellence.

School Fund – an invitation to you to join in!

School Fund shows the wonderful collective strength of many people who want one thing: to benefit your sons and daughters' education beyond what the government can provide. Small contributions (or large ones) can go a long way!



I am writing to you now to celebrate our successes so far and to invite you to join us in making future ones possible!

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Our Governing Board operates **School Fund** in order to fund projects over and above what Government funding makes possible. It is built up from financial donations from parents and is held in a separate bank account to other funding. Use of the School Fund is decided by the Governing Body in consultation with the Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (the PTFA), of which you are all members.

We all know that funding for schools is under severe pressure: at William Perkin, we are so fortunate to have our wonderful building. However, there are always further needs in a school, which the School Fund can kick-start and support:

- In the first few years, we leased and resourced the school's **first minibus**: this is now provided through our main school budget. We next contributed to the new **Sports Pavilion** and more recently, supported the school's bid for a **cricket square**: this attracted £75000 from the England and Wales Cricket Board and has led to the much larger investment in the Wilf Slack Centre by the ECB.



- We have made significant contributions to setting up **the library** in the LRC.

- In 2019-20 and 2020-21 we made a major contribution to the **Sixth Form extension** which you can visit now. The Trust and the school funded the construction work **but the School Fund contribution supported the fitting out of this spacious study centre.**



- **This year, we are funding new maps and equipment for the Duke of Edinburgh award programme, for bespoke team kits for girls' and boys' school sports teams, and for soft seating for the library space.**

Regular generous giving by you, our parents and carers, means that the School Fund can thrive for the benefit of all students and, during this coming year, help us create more exciting projects.

As a guide, we ask families to make a monthly donation of £5, £10, £20 or £30 per student educated at the school. Of course, you are welcome to choose another amount to donate.

To enable you to support the School in this way, we attach:

1. A pledge form for you to specify the amount you wish to give.
2. A standing order mandate (this is the easiest and most reliable way for you to contribute).
3. A Gift Aid declaration (for all who pay UK tax) which increases the value of your contribution by 25% and costs you nothing: for every £4.00 you donate, the school receives an extra £1.00 from the taxman.

Please return your completed forms to Mrs P Hamri, School Fund Administrator via the William Perkin School Office. If you have any questions about the School Fund, please contact Mrs Hamri on 0203 301 3161.

Thank you for supporting your child's education, and that of all the students at William Perkin CofE High School, part of the Twyford CofE Academies Trust.

Yours Sincerely,

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