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Dear parents and carers,

School Fund Appeal – All-Weather AstroTurf

I am writing to thank you for your support so far this year and inform you of our new appeal for funds to help make a real difference to your children's time at school for many years to come.

As you will know, we have a small patch of grass in the large playground which, thanks to the wonderful British weather, is often out of action for over half of the school year. Due to mud, frost, rain etc the children are unable to use the grass, the trim-trail and the outdoor classroom for most of the autumn and winter months and for the early part of the Spring term as well. This reduces our playground size by over 30% for half of the school year and means the children have less space and less choice during their morning, afternoon and lunchtime breaks.

As a result, I am trying to raise the funds needed to turn our grass area into an all-weather AstroTurf surface which would open up the playground, the trim-trail and the outdoor classroom to be used all year round for break times, lunchtimes and additional curriculum initiatives. I therefore ask for your continued support and generosity in contributing to our school fund appeal and helping us raise the money needed to fund this project.

There are different ways to do this and we would be grateful for any amount you are able to donate, this can be a regular payment, a one-off payment or an ad hoc payment. Donation options include:

1. Setting up a direct debit from your bank (monthly, quarterly or whatever suits you)

Our bank details are: Sort code: 30-97-77 Account Number: 18349160

2. On SchoolComms there is now a payment called School Fund Donation. You can use it at any time to make a donation of any amount. You can use this option at any time to suit you, regularly or for a one off payment.



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3. Attached to this letter is a small envelope which you can put a donation into. We will send these envelopes out periodically for you to contribute any amount you are able to, even loose change, as every penny will help us get closer to our target.

Rest assured that every penny contributed will go directly to the children here at St Gregory's and that no contribution is too small to make a difference. Our fundraising efforts in school for the rest of the year will predominantly focus on raising the funds needed for this exciting project as I firmly believe it will make a real difference to your children's enjoyment and wellbeing for many years to come.

We will also be applying for grants and additional funding streams to support this project so if any parents work for companies that may be willing to sponsor, or contribute to this work then please inform school of any potential contacts who may be able to assist.

Thank you in advance for you support and I will keep you informed as to how the appeal progresses as we move through the Spring term.

Best wishes,



Mr T Boodell



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