



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Crossley Heath Helping Hand Fund

When our founder school of Heath Grammar began in 1600 it was thanks to a donation from Sir John Savile. When our school building was founded in 1864 as the Crossley School & Orphanage for Girls & Boys it was thanks to donations from the Crossley brothers. Shortly afterwards Thomas Porter gave a donation to our school as it became the Crossley & Porter school. Therefore, throughout our school's history we have had a proud heritage of philanthropy as those who have a little extra, donate to support those who have less. Today our school continues to be a registered charity, focused on ensuring the best possible education and brightest future for our children, especially when they might need a helping hand.

Our present school family has a wonderfully diverse student body, from many and varied backgrounds. Just over 100 of our students are classed as disadvantaged, since they presently or recently have been in receipt of Free School Meals to support a family on a lower level of household income. Our school uses up all the available funding from the government and adds extra to help these students, for example in supplying revision guides, reducing the cost of enrichment trips and subsidising what we can. However, the reality is that further support is often needed, with uniform costs, sports equipment and school trips even when subsidised.

Therefore, we wanted to write to all our parents and community members to see if anyone was able to offer a helping hand to more disadvantaged families in our school, in the spirit of those who founded our school originally. This could mean showing the kindness to make a monthly direct debit donation to our Crossley Heath Helping Hand Fund. This would make a wonderful difference to students and their families who from time to time need a helping hand, for example:

- Donating £3 a month would fund a school blazer for a student
- Donating £5 a month would provide a full PE kit
- Donating £10 a month would fund essential uniform, PE kit and equipment for the year

We would use this fund to support those students and their families who we identify need targeted financial support to ensure all the entitlement of a full education and wider enrichment are available to students regardless of their family background or current financial circumstances. All those who are able to support with a regular donation will receive an annual update on how their kindness has helped make a positive difference to children.

If you are able to set up a regular donation, thank you:

- **As a parent/carer this can be done through your ParentPay portal, where you can choose the amount and frequency of your contribution to the "Crossley Heath Helping Hand Fund"**
- **As a member of our community or alumni please email payments@crossleyheath.org.uk and our team will share how to set up a regular donation.**

With very grateful thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

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