



Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN

“Engage, Enjoy, Enrich, Excel”

Tuesday 4th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. At Beeston Primary School we remain committed to providing the best possible learning environment for all of our pupils, ensuring they have the resources and support they need to thrive.

However, as many of you are likely aware, the rising cost of living has affected households, businesses, and organisations across the country, including schools. In recent months, we have seen significant increases in the cost of essential goods and services which directly impacts upon the operation of our school. These cost increases include utilities, supplies, technology, and maintenance expenses, all of which are critical to maintaining a safe and effective learning environment.

Unfortunately, despite our efforts to manage resources efficiently, Beeston Primary School is currently operating with a deficit budget. This is a challenge we are addressing with great care, as we strive to minimise any disruption to our pupils' education.

We are writing to you today to share this situation openly and to assure you that we are exploring all possible solutions, including:

- Reviewing and adjusting budgets to prioritise essential expenses.
- Seeking additional funding through grants, partnerships, and community support.
- Identifying opportunities for cost-saving measures without compromising the quality of education.

We understand that this may be a difficult time for many families as well, and we do not take this matter lightly. We are also reaching out to our school community for ideas, feedback, or potential contributions to help us navigate this challenge together. Whether it is through volunteering, fundraising efforts, or other forms of support, every contribution makes a difference and is deeply appreciated.

What can parents do to help?

- **Voluntary Contributions** - We often request voluntary contributions for educational trips/visits and in-school workshops. Contributing to these events allows us to continue to offer these valuable experiences to all of our pupils.
- **Free School Meals** - If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, we strongly recommend you to apply even if they receive Universal Infant Free School Meals or prefer packed lunches. Registering not only ensures your child continues to receive free meals beyond year 2, it also provides vital additional funding to school. Each successful application brings additional Pupil Premium funding to the school which helps provide extra support, resources and enriches activities for pupils. The link to apply for Free School Meals can be found on our website:

<https://www.beestonprimaryschool.co.uk/lunch/>

- **Joining the PTA and supporting fundraising activities** - Joining the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is a fantastic way to help generate vital funds for the school. PTAs organise

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fundraising events such as school fairs, cake sales, raffles, and sponsored activities, with all proceeds going directly to school. By getting involved, whether through volunteering, sharing ideas, or simply attending events, parents can make a real difference in supporting the school's budget and enriching the education of all pupils.

- **Be an advocate for the school** - Positive word-of-mouth recommendations can help attract new families to the school, increasing pupil numbers and securing long-term funding. Sharing the school's achievements on social media or within local groups can also be beneficial.

We are committed to ensuring that every pupil at Beeston Primary School receives the best education possible. By working together as a community, we can navigate these financial challenges and continue to provide enriching experiences for our pupils.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school. If you have any questions or would like to discuss how you can help further, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

With gratitude and best regards,

Mr N. Edensor
Headteacher

(On behalf of the Governor Resources Committee)