

5th June 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity Everywhere

Headteacher: Mr P Smith

RE: A fantastic opportunity to improve our PE facilities here at Farlingaye

During my first year as Headteacher I have had a few surprises to manage in terms of premises and our school site. One has been managing the amount of RAAC in the school and the challenges that this provided, which hopefully as we move through the year is a situation we are close to resolving. Another surprise though was to find that our tennis and netball courts have been condemned as unsafe. As a result we are unable to offer our students these sports, both within the curriculum or as sports clubs at lunchtime and during the evening.

We really want to turn this situation around, and to take this opportunity to improve our PE facilities, to give our students the best experience possible here at Farlingaye. We are therefore planning to replace the existing space with a new all-weather surface which will provide three new tennis courts and two new netball courts, accessible to all of our students and adaptable to suit a variety of curriculum needs. This newly refurbished space will really improve our PE facilities and the opportunities for your children and hopefully our wider community.

We need to raise £132,110 to fund these new Courts. The Farlingaye Foundation has begun fundraising and the school has also committed whatever school funds we can, now the Foundation is set to raise the final £40,000 towards this project. This is a substantial sum and I am writing to ask if you would consider supporting this project by donating to the foundation, should you feel you are able. I fully appreciate that these are challenging times and some of you may not be able to support us. But for those who can, we would really value your support in providing this fantastic facility for our school and your children. We are asking families, if they feel they can, to make a suggested donation of £30.00. If 1,000 people were able to do this we would be able to raise 30 thousand pounds! We would also be keen to speak to any local businesses who might also feel able to support the foundation's fundraising appeal. If you are aware of anyone in such a position, please contact me directly at the school. Any support from local organisations and businesses would be very much appreciated.

Donations can be made via Parent Pay and will be accepted until Friday 10th July. If you are a UK Tax Payer and qualify to donate Gift Aid, please allow the Foundation to reclaim an extra 25p for every £1 that you donate at no extra cost to you towards this important project.

Thank you for taking the time to read the details of our appeal, and for those of you who feel able to support this important project. As I'm sure you are aware I am utterly restless in my desire to ensure that this school is the very best it can be, and whilst I am reluctant to ask for donations at such a time, I really believe that these facilities will make such a difference to ensuring that our curriculum and brilliant extra-curricular offer can keep offering so much opportunity to our students.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very best wishes,

Mr P Smith
Headteacher

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