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together we will find a way."

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Voluntary Contributions 2010/2011

As you may know, Riverside School is funded by the Local Authority but the budget does not cover many extras in class or school trips, so we ask for voluntary contributions to our School Fund to provide these.

We would like to simplify the process of paying for snacks, cooking, additional equipment and local excursions, reduce the need for you to send in smaller amounts of cash each week and reduce the amount of cash handling in school. As our young people move into KS4 and 6th Form we need to develop independent living skills and therefore cook full meals on a regular basis which is why the contribution increases. In many cases this is offset by a reduction in the dinner money payable.

The table below shows the amount of voluntary contributions requested according to which department your child is currently in:

	Primary/Beckenham/KS3			KS4/6 th Form		
	Annually	Termly	Half termly	Annually	Termly	Half termly
Snacks/drinks/local excursions	£42	£14	£7	£135	£45	£22.50

Separate contributions will still be requested for specific trips or Woodlodge. Families that prefer to pay more regularly will still be able to do so but it would be helpful if payments could be made either half-termly, termly or annually. Cheques should be made payable to Riverside School.

Dinner money should be paid separately and we will continue to look into providing a parent pay system where payments could be made by debit card or direct debit and hope to introduce this system during the course of the year.

No child or young person will be excluded from these extra activities if parents/carers are unable to pay, however, if we do not receive a high enough level of income, we may need to review what extras can be provided.

Please send your payments into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class and 'voluntary fund contribution' clearly marked. Thank you in advance of your support.

Yours sincerely,

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