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Re: Enrichment in Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support and generosity towards the Pearl of Africa Child Care Foundation; your kind donations will give hope for a brighter future to our friends, the children and young people, in Uganda. Our children had an incredibly inspiring morning on Wednesday, enjoying three concerts, including singing, dancing and drumming in praise to The Lord. Last night we hosted an uplifting concert, where we were joined by our Trust families, staff, governors, directors, PCC members from St. Wilfrid's Church and representatives from Blackburn Diocese. We hope to have raised enough money to make a real difference to the lives of these underprivileged children, improving education, health and welfare.

Our children at St. Wilfrid's are extremely lucky and receive an outstanding education. In order to give our children a rich and varied curriculum, beyond the classroom and bespoke to our school, we offer our carefully planned and well-researched 3Es: **Extra-Curricular** (clubs and competitions), **Enrichment** (educational visits out of school and inspirational visitors to school) and **Experiences** (a menu of 'free' Trust experiences to enjoy with our Trust family). Staff work incredibly hard to organise these diverse and memorable opportunities, often giving up their own time to lead after-school clubs and support evening events and residential during weekends.

To give our children enrichment opportunities to enhance the curriculum, including educational visits and inspirational visitors, we rely on voluntary contributions from parents and carers. School offers to pay for enrichment for all children eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant (those that are or have been eligible for Free School Meals), including residential in Year 5 and 6. School is not in a position to heavily subsidise these enrichment opportunities and certainly does not make profit from any school trip or visit. Without your support, these enrichment opportunities simply could not take place.

We understand that finances are difficult at this time, as they are in schools, with pressure on budgets and significant increases in costs, including energy. Where parents and carers are genuinely experiencing financial hardship, they are more than welcome to have a confidential conversation with Mrs Saggerson, our Pastoral Lead, or a member of our Senior Leadership Team, and we will endeavour to help and support.

St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy, which has recently been shortlisted for the **'Most Inspirational Primary School of the Year 2023'** at the North West's biggest education awards, will continue to provide a curriculum and education of the highest quality, by working together and placing our children at the heart of everything that we do.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Colothan
Executive Headteacher

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' **Philippians 4:13**

