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John Ball School is fully committed to safeguarding all pupils and celebrating diversity.

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Dear Parents & Carers

Can you make a monthly regular gift to support all our children at this difficult time?

Our experience is that the Covid-19 crisis has not been a great leveller: it disproportionately affects the lowest paid, those on the front line and families in overcrowded accommodation. As we face increased demands on our budget, more uncertain times and an extended period where we will not be able to fundraise as normal, we now need your help more than ever. We are reaching out to ask if you are able to support our school community with a regular monthly donation, ensuring our school is a safe, fun and enriching environment for all our children, while allowing us to plan for this uncertain future.

[Start a regular donation today](#)

(Please note that the suggested amounts are set by the Virgin Money Giving site - so feel free to specify any amount that suits you.)

Our parents and wider community have always provided extra financial support for our school, mainly through events. Over the years, tens of thousands of pounds has been raised supplementing additional in-school experiences, trips, one-off projects, play equipment and pastoral care. Normally planning for the Christmas Fair would be in full swing but not so this year, and this is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future. At the same time, the demands on our school resources increase, with our priorities this year very much focussed on extra pastoral care and enriching our learning environment. This is why we are asking, if you can, to make a regular donation to ensure our school is as enriching, safe and fun as possible.

There are two main ways to do this. You can use the [Virgin Money Giving site](#), which is so simple to use, and where you can, also gift aid your donation – increasing it by 25% at no extra cost to you. Alternatively, if your employer offers a **payroll giving scheme** your donation is even more cost effective as it comes out of your pre-tax pay (some employers even match donations). If this is an option for you, we have attached a letter for you to give to your employer (please feel free to amend as necessary). Of course, if your circumstances change you can cancel your donation at any time, and please only give if you can afford it.

All your regular donations, no matter what size, will be invaluable in allowing us to offer the very best to all our children and the confidence to plan for our future.

Thank you so much for your support.

With very best wishes,

PS If you have any question, you can contact us at John.ball.giving@gmail.com

